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The cold weather of the past week shows that motorists need to begin thinking about bad-weather driving.

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

**Tough choice** — Granite City High School student Nina Modlin helps Jeff Teichgraber, 9, and Ben Griffith, 7, sort through some of the items for sale at Santa's Mini Mall. The shopping spree for kids was held in the basement of Niedringhaus Methodist Church with the help of the high school's National Honor Society and Student Council. See Page 5A for more photos.

## No smoke detector

## Man dies in trailer fire

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A smoke detector would probably have saved the life of a rural Granite City man killed in an early morning trailer fire Saturday, local fire officials said.

Robert D. Cunningham, 42, of 5445 Maryville Road, Lot 6, was killed in an early-morning fire Saturday. A space heater is believed to have been the cause of the blaze.

"Apparently there were no smoke detectors," Mitchell Fire Chief Ed Lee said. "It's one of those things we hate to see happen, but when cold weather comes it happens too quickly."

He added that a smoke detector would "definitely" have made a difference.

"Smoke detectors are the biggest lifesavers we have," he said. "Apparently this man was sleeping when the fire started."

With a smoke detector, Lee said, Cunningham would have probably been able to escape, and firefighters might have arrived much sooner.

The fire was reported at approximately 4:18 a.m. Lee said that by the time firefighters arrived the trailer was fully involved.

Cunningham was pronounced dead at the scene. According to Roger Smith of the Madison County Coroners' office, Cunningham probably died of smoke inhalation, but the official

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## 70 mph limit?

## Bowles among backers of higher speeds

Area state lawmakers are divided on whether speed limits on Illinois interstates should be increased.

Sens. Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville, and Frank Watson, R-Greenview, said they would favor legislation to boost the current limit from 65 mph to 70 mph on interstates, while Sen. Vince Demuzio, D-Carlinville, and State Rep. Steve Davis, D-Bethalto, support keeping the status quo.

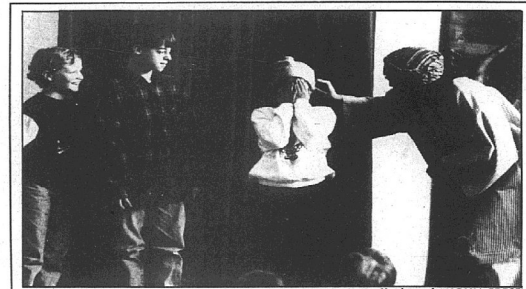
"If you drive Interstate 55 from Springfield to Edwardsville and you go 65, they pass you like you're standing still," Bowles said.

She said a number of constituents she has discussed the issue with agreed to raising the limit on interstates to at least 70 mph.

"I think there is justification that that is a more realistic limit without compromising safety on interstates although I would not favor it on the other roads," Watson said.

He also said he believed there was a chance

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

**Sinbad** — Jesse Spangler and Ross Accardi wait for Jessica James to reveal herself in her role in "Sinbad the Sailor" at Niedringhaus School. At right is a member of the Hampstead Players, which presented the play. See Page 2A for more photos.

## Power over visitors limited

## Judge's decision angers educators

By Bob Slater  
Staff writer

In a ruling issued this week, a Madison County judge has apparently limited school administrators' ability to prevent unauthorized persons from entering buildings during school hours.

The ruling is being appealed and has been sent to a different judge for a later hearing. On Tuesday, Associate Judge Ellar Duff dismissed a city charge of trespassing against a Granite City man prosecutors said has repeatedly entered Prather Elementary School without checking in at the school office.

Every public school in the state including Prather — has a sign posted on each door advising visitors that they must report to the office, Madison County Regional Superintendent of Schools Harry Briggs said. Duff said when dismissing the case that she felt the trespassing law did not apply to a parent visiting his child in school — even when the parent fails to report to the office — if the visitor is not disruptive.

Briggs and other school officials were disturbed by the decision. "There is a reason for those signs and a reason schools have visitors report to the office. It's a safety issue," Briggs said. "As a principal, you want to know who is in the building."

He said state law authorizes schools to set such policy.

"Historically, there have been abductions,

"How am I going to be able to control the safety of the child if the court says I can't control who comes into the school?"



— Harry Briggs

custody battles between parents — any number of reasons for the law. I think the judge needs to review the intent of the law," Briggs said.

"How am I going to be able to control the safety of the child if the court says I can't control who comes into the school?" he asked. "I think (control) is what the public wants and as a parent, I know that's what I want."

During the bench trial Tuesday morning, Prather Principal Debbie Wilkerson testified about the alleged incident Sept. 8. She said the parent — a former aide at the school with a child attending third grade classes — entered the building and refused to report to the office.

Wilkerson said that the parent was a repeat offender who had received oral and written warnings in the past that such conduct was unacceptable.

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## School spending in county low

Madison County is lagging behind in education spending per pupil, according to a new report.

The latest Kids Count study released by the Chicago-based Voices for Illinois Children described the county's education spending as "below the adequacy level," defined as an average of \$4,543 per student.

It lists the Madison County average at \$3,774.

The group planned to unveil the report Wednesday. To help Illinois children, the group advocates more early prevention programs;

better linking of services for children; community redevelopment; one-on-one relationships with children; more bridges from welfare to work; more help for at-risk kids in the juvenile court system; and "family-friendly" work

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## Cameras slated for tollbooth

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Possible shortages in money collected at the McKinley Bridge have prompted Venice officials to move ahead with plans to install security cameras at the bridge's tollbooth.

At Tuesday's meeting, the council approved "moving ahead" with plans for the cameras after an hour-long executive session.

"We've got a few little problems that really are personnel problems that require attention," Mayor Tyrone Echols said after the meeting. "We're putting those cameras in for security, among other things."

Echols said he could not comment on the nature of the problems and would not say if money had been stolen from the tollbooth.

"I never put myself in that position to make a direct accusation, but we feel there are some shortages," he said. "I won't say somebody's taking money."

There has been ongoing concern about potential theft at the tollbooth, and in the past city officials have found items stuffed into the collection baskets to stop the flow of coins.

Because of ongoing renovations, the number of vehicles using the bridge has decreased dramatically from last year.

In May, the council briefly discussed the installation of cameras.

No cost estimate has been given.

The hiring of police dispatchers was also discussed during the executive session.

## License decision delayed

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A decision to reconsider the business license for Village Green Mobile Home Park in Pontoon Beach has been delayed to give the village attorney a chance to look at the case.

On Tuesday, the Pontoon Beach Village Board voted to recess the meeting until Wednesday to give Village Attorney Keith Jensen an opportunity to look over the case.

In November, the board approved a business license for the park, but voted to reconsider after two people involved with the park were indicted for title transfer violations by a Madison County grand jury. Since then, park owner Ed Zeman has also been indicted.

Board members tried to find a way to deal with occupancy permits for existing mobile homes in the park and new trailers coming in, but gave up after several motions were made, seconded, and then withdrawn.

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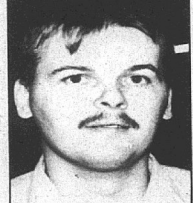
John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist, KSDQ-Now/Channel 5

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## Salute

Lots of details need attention when an 81,000-ton naval aircraft carrier pulls out to sea. Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jeffrey Sellers, 27, is a member of the supply department on board the USS Independence. His department is responsible for preparing more than 15,000 meals a day, providing laundry and debussing services for more than 5,000 sailors, operating three small stores and handling hundreds of thousands of letters for personnel of other ships in the battle group.

I strive to be the best I can at what I do," said Sellers, son of Eldred Sellers Sr. of Granite City and Rosalie King of Madison.



Jeffrey Sellers

# Holiday alert: Police ready for drinking drivers

Have a jolly Christmas, but party responsibly, authorities warn.

In honor of December being National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month, local and county police officials are urging hosts and guests who choose to drink to be conscientious about consuming alcohol.

The reigning season for alcohol-related parties is a time of frequent police roadblocks for catching irresponsible drivers. Local law enforcement agencies and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration are coordinating efforts throughout the month with the motto, "Take a stand against impaired driving."

According to agency statistics, 16,600

Americans died in alcohol-related crashes in 1994. Officers will conduct frequent roadside safety checks to get impaired drivers off the road.

Sgt. William Brave, commander of the Madison County Sheriff's Department's Godfrey subpost, said deputies will work with local officers for thorough coverage of the area.

Deputies and local officers will conduct extensive roadblocks at different locations Dec. 15 and plan to patrol together throughout the month, he said.

The Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Traffic Safety is offering several tips for hosts and guests to make the holidays

safe.

Hosts should offer alternative beverages — such as soft drinks, coffee, flavored waters and nonalcoholic beer, margaritas and daiquiris. Do not force drinks on guests or penalize guests who choose not to drink.

Alcoholic punches should be made using a noncarbonated base, which slows the body's absorption of alcohol. Hosts should always serve food with alcoholic beverages, which also slows the body's absorption of alcohol.

Stop serving alcohol about an hour before the party ends to give guests extra time for their bodies to absorb the alcohol they have consumed.

Authorities said only time helps a person

become sober — coffee or other traditional remedies are ineffective.

Hosts who observe guests drinking too much can engage the guest in conversation to slow down his or her drinking, offer food or a nonalcoholic beverage, and provide safe transportation or allow the guest to stay overnight.

Authorities offer the following tips to guests:

"You can choose not to drink and can say 'no' to alcoholic beverages."

Women should realize alcohol will likely have a greater effect on them even if they weigh the same as most males. Women who are pregnant or nursing an infant should not drink alcohol.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Police dog nabs suspect

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A Madison man was arrested early Tuesday after attempting to flee police.

Robert Lonnell Burt, 19, of the 600 block of West Third Street, was charged with battery, striking a police dog and resisting arrest. Charges of unlawful possession of a controlled substance are pending.

According to reports, at about 12:30 a.m. a police officer was patrolling with his dog in the 900 block of Jefferson when he observed Burt "prowling" in the area.

The officer stopped Burt, who could not explain why he was in the area.

While the officer was patting him down, Burt reached into his pocket and pulled out a pack of cigarettes.

The officer noticed a plastic baggie in Burt's hand, and asked what it was. At that time Burt allegedly struck the officer in the chest and fled.

The officer ordered Burt to stop, and then released the dog. As Burt was running from the dog, he allegedly threw down the plastic baggie.

The baggie contained what police believe to be two rocks of crack cocaine.

The dog caught up with Burt when he jumped on the hood of a parked car. While struggling with the dog, he allegedly kicked it.

Burt was then taken into custody, and refused medical attention.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESI)

**Sinbad** — At left, the first mate sizes up sixth grader Jesse Spangler's head for a turban after recruiting him from the audience to play the part of one of Sinbad's crew members in a two-man production of "Sinbad the Sailor" at Niedringhaus School. The play was put on by the Hampstead Players, a duo from Petaluma, Calif. Above, Spangler, Ross Accardi and third grader Jessica James line up to help the first mate do a rain dance.

## Stop the violence

Task force to study crimes against children

State Attorney General Jim Ryan has appointed a 33-member task force to propose legislation to combat violence against children.

"The level of violence against young children in this state and nation has reached epidemic proportions," Ryan said.

"While overall crime is declining somewhat, the number of children being injured or killed is soaring."

The task force was scheduled to have held its first public hearing on Wednesday in Springfield to get suggestions on needed changes in existing law.

The panel includes law enforcement officials, legislators, representatives of child advocacy groups and directors of the state Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Corrections and Illinois State Police.

No area residents are on the task force.

The chairman is Elmhurst Police Chief John Miller, who is from Ryan's home county.

"We hope to have legislation ready for the spring (legislative) session," Miller said, adding that laws currently on the books "need a lot of fine-tuning."

Citing a continued rise in

crimes against children, Miller said, "We are going to look at some possible tools to defuse this explosion."

Ryan said among the areas the task force will look at are: separate reporting and sharing of information between law enforcement agencies on crimes against children; a uniform protocol for responding to child abuse reports; more post-release supervision of offenders whose victims are children; and increased specialized training and education for police and prosecutors on crimes involving children.

The group will focus on random acts of violence by individual adults against children, Ryan said.

A separate task force or commission will be named early next year to study and recommend legislation dealing with organized street gangs and children-on-children crime, he said.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Man charged with running over foot

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A Venice man is in jail after being charged with two counts of aggravated assault.

A warrant was issued Friday for Johnnie C. Jackson, 19, of the 500 block of Mercedia. He was arrested Sunday by Venice police, and was in custody Monday with bond set at \$50,000.

The Nov. 11 incident, which allegedly included Jackson running over the victim's foot with a car, was characterized by police as the actions of "wanna-be" gang members.

Jackson and two other suspects — both juveniles — were identified from police photos.

One of the juveniles has since been placed in police custody.

According to reports, on Nov. 11 police received a 911 report of an assault in front of Garrett's Lounge, 337 Baucum Ave.

When police arrived, they found the victim lying on the ground with several injuries, including what looked like a broken foot.

He was transported to St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. Since the incident was reported, the victim's foot had been operated on.

The victim said Jackson and the others kicked him, and then Jackson got into his car and ran over the victim's foot, police said.

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# 3 County Board races contested

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

The March primary will feature at least three contested races for Madison County Board seats in the Granite City area and one race for the Democratic nomination for a countywide office.

Candidates have until 5 p.m. Monday to file nominating petitions to have their names placed on the March 19 primary election ballot. Monday was the first day candidates could file.

As of Tuesday, multiple candidates had filed for three county board seats in the area — Districts 16, 19 and 21. In District 16, Chouteau Township Supervisor Pat Polley, of the 500 block of Thorngate Drive, and Nameoki Township Clerk Helen Hawkins, of the 2600 block Angela Drive, filed petitions seeking the seat being vacated by incumbent board member Tim Knott, who has announced he will challenge incumbent State Rep. Steve Davis in the 111th Legislative District.

Both Polley and Hawkins filed as Democrats.

In District 19, incumbent Frank Laub, of the 1500 block of Cottage Avenue, and challenger Joe Papa, of the 2200 block Shirlene Drive, both filed as Democrats.

In District 21, incumbent Ray Romine, of the 2800 block State Street, and former board member Vasil Eftimoff, of the 2000 block of Michigan Avenue, also filed as Democrats.

Long-time Madison County Board Chairman Nellie Hagnauer, of the 2700 block of Saratoga St., has also filed for

re-election in District 20. He had no opposition as of Tuesday. At that time, no Republicans had filed petitions for county board seats in districts in Granite City, Venice, Nameoki or Chouteau townships.

Only one primary race was apparent Tuesday for countywide office. Incumbent Recorder of Deeds Dan Donahoe of East Alton filed petitions for the Democratic nomination for that office, as did former Recorder Ron "Rink" Lucas of Maryville.

Lucas served as recorder from 1972 until Donahoe defeated him in 1988. Others filing for countywide office by Tuesday were incumbent Coroner Dallas Melucci of Collinsville, Auditor Fred Bathon of Pontoon Beach and State's Attorney William Haine of Alton. All are Democrats.

Richard Hampson of Worden filed petitions seeking the Republican nomination for coroner. No other Republicans had filed for countywide office.

As of Tuesday, only one race was apparent for precinct committeeman posts in Granite City, Venice, Nameoki or Chouteau townships. Franklin D. Connor and Dennis Carpenter, both of South in Chouteau precinct 7.

Filing for Democratic committeeman in Granite City were: Stephanie Tinker, of the 1400 block State Street (precinct 1); Mac Warfield, of the first block Devon Hill Lane (precinct 2); Herbert "Junior" Miller, of the 2300 block Washington Avenue (precinct 4); Jerry Lakin, of the



**Hawkins**  
2200 block Edison Avenue (precinct 7); Foster "Freddie" Frederick, of the 2400 block Logan Avenue (precinct 8); Edward W. Suydam, of the 2800 block Harding Avenue (precinct 9); Steve Ortiz, of the 1700 block of Maple Street (precinct 10); Gloria Knobloch, of the 2300 block of Edwards Street (precinct 11); Debbie Stanton, of the 2300 block of Lincoln Avenue (precinct 12); Richard H. Schneider, of the 2700 block of Washington Avenue (precinct 14); Dick Allen, of the 2600 block of Delmar Avenue (precinct 17); Sandy Pence, of the 2900 block of Myrtle Avenue (precinct 18); Bob Page, of the 2800 block of Dogwood Drive (precinct 19); Laub (precinct 21); T.A. Feeler, of the 3300 block of Franklin Avenue (precinct 22); Mike Papp, of the 2300 block of Waterman Avenue (precinct 23) (See FILINGS, Page 8A)

## Davis, Knott are among first-day filers

Most of the announced candidates for area congressional, legislative and judicial offices were among those lined up to file nominating petitions for the March primary when the State Board of Elections opened Monday morning.

Candidates in line at the 9 a.m. opening were guaranteed either a first spot on the ballot or participation in a Dec. 27 lottery for ballot position. Most candidates believe first position on the ballot attracts additional votes.

In the race for the 111th House District seat, incumbent Rep. Steve Davis of Bethalto and Madison County Board member Charles "Tim" Knott of Granite City were opening filers for the Democratic primary. Former River Bend Growth Association official Jim Mihalich of East Alton filed in the Republican primary.

In Madison County, Associate Judge Larry Keshner of Godfrey, a Democrat, was the only opening filer for the circuit judgeship opened when Paul Riley moved to the federal bench. Six of eight previously declared candidates in the 20th Congressional district made the starting gate Monday, along with a surprise additional GOP primary candidate.

Democrats John Glynn of Carrollton, state Rep. Jay Hoffman of Collinsville and Sam Cahnman of Springfield are eligible for the lottery to determine ballot spots. Candidates filing early and eligible for the Republican lottery are Madison County Treasurer John Shimkus of Collinsville, Bill Owens of Springfield, Rick Angel of Litchfield and Dave Green of Springfield.

Owens was the GOP nominee for the seat in the 1994 election, Shimkus was the nominee in the 1992 election and Angel has been campaigning for months.

Two other announced GOP candidates, Sangamon County Circuit Court Clerk Carl Oblinger and Patrick Baikouskas of Springfield, did not file at the opening Monday. The filing period closes at 5 p.m. Dec. 18.

In another area congressional race, 12th District incumbent Jerry Costello, D-Bellefonte, was the only candidate filing at the opening.

The 112th House seat being given up by Hoffman drew the most early filers.

Glen Carbon attorney Glenn Bradford and Collinsville fire fighter Ronald McDonald will be in the lottery for the top Democratic ballot position. Edwardsville attorney Steve Stobbs and Mark Garcia Jr. of Belleville, an executive with Jaycees International, will be in the GOP drawing.

## BAC instructor honored

### Chef is a Hall of Famer

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Ollie Sommer has cooked for admirals, CEOs and presidents.

Now Sommer, of St. Charles, Mo., is experiencing another brush with fame. An instructor with Belleville Area College's Hospitality and Food Management program for the past four years and the instructor for a popular non-credit cooking classes at the Granite City Campus, Sommer was recently accepted into the national Chefs Hall of Fame, based in St. Augustine, Fla.

He was nominated by the St. Louis Chefs Cusine Association.

"This is the highlight of my professional career," Sommer said. "I never suspected I would be accepted."

In the past 47 years, Sommer has been recognized many times for his contributions to the culinary profession. In addition to his induction in the Hall of Fame, Sommer was voted the number one chef in America by the American Academy of Chefs, and was named one of the top 100 chefs in the world.

Sommer started his formal culinary training in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He served 10 years in the Navy.

"I went to every type of school the Navy had to offer in food service," he said.

He added that the Navy had a reputation for having the best food.

"We had better facilities," he said. "On ships we had refrigerators, so consequently

we didn't have to have dehydrated food like the field troops did."

Eventually, Sommer became the personal chef for Adm. Chester A. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet.

"He was a tremendous, good gentleman," Sommer said. "The Navy was his life and his love."

Nimitz also demanded good food. "He liked breakfast," Sommer said. "I used to make Eggs Benedict almost every morning for him."

Sommer said the best part of his job is "the satisfaction you get from pleasing people and creating new and different dishes."

He said good cooking also requires planning.

"The entree is the basis of a meal; everything else is built around that," he said. "If I have a heavy entree, I'm going to have a light starter. I'm going to have a light soup, a light salad."

He also said a good cook will put his or her heart and soul into it.

"They have a passion for cooking and can really understand it and get the good aromas by mixing the herbs and spices," he said.

"You almost have to be a chemist, because you have to know what reaction will happen. One spice might smell really good to you, but when heat is applied it might have an entirely different character."

Sommer also said he thinks "trendy" foods are not what people want.

"I think that's fading out now and we're



Ollie Sommer, an instructor with the Belleville Area College Hospitality and Food Management Program, helps student Sharon Ryan of Granite City make French pastries during a class.

getting back to the basics," he said. "People want solid food, they want fat-free food, and they want it to look nice. If food looks nice they will buy it, but if it tastes good they will come back."

Sommer's creativity is not limited to cooking either.

As a chef in an El Paso hotel, Sommer's

most memorable function was a buffet for 1,500 of the hotel's investors and stockholders.

Besides ice sculptures that Sommer commissioned, the real buffet eye-catchers were little girls dressed in mermaid costumes handing out shrimp.

"That was one of my biggest undertakings, and maybe the most bizarre," he said.

## Golf card available as holiday gift

The American Lung Association's 1996 Golf Privilege Card is now available for holiday giving.

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# Opinion

## Comments from Carol

### Art of dying needs work

"They Shoot Horses, Don't They?" Some of us still remember the movie of a number of years ago, one I found the most depressing I've ever seen, as well as featuring what I consider Jane Fonda's finest performance.

Well, this column has nothing to do with the movie. Actually, they don't shoot injured horses these days. At least those I've seen put down have been given an injection, the effect of which is almost instantaneous.

For those of us who care for animals, it's nearly heartbreaking to witness but a relief if, as in the case of the first time I saw it done, you've watched a horse with a shattered front cannon bone struggle to rise several times, only to fall again each time.

What brought all of this to mind? In late November, newspapers across our broad land carried a story on the results of an end-of-life study, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and focusing on 10,000 terminally ill patients and aimed at testing ways to make death in a hospital more humane.

There seems to be enough blame to spread around among doctors, the patients themselves, family members of the patients, and that fuzzy thing called 'the system.'

The results of the study were published in the Journal of the American Medical Association and they were disheartening, to understand the case.

We're not talking about hospital patients for whom some hope of survival and possible cure exists. These were dying people and at least half of those studied died in pain. Needless pain.

Why did this happen; who were the villains of the piece? The conclusions of the study seem to indicated no single person or group on one hand, and everyone on the other. There seems to be enough blame to spread around among doctors, the patients themselves, family members of the patients, and that fuzzy thing called 'the system.'

Silliest reason of all, of course, is a reluctance to give sufficient drugs for fear of addicting the dying patient,



Carol Clarkin

followed by use of technology to drag out the process simply because it's available.

The more I read about the study's conclusions, the more it became apparent that there exists a major failure in terms of communications. Patients fail to communicate with their doctors about their wishes.

Additionally, they do not make clear to their family members exactly how they wish to die in the event they become terminally ill. Too often, doctors don't ask or even explain options.

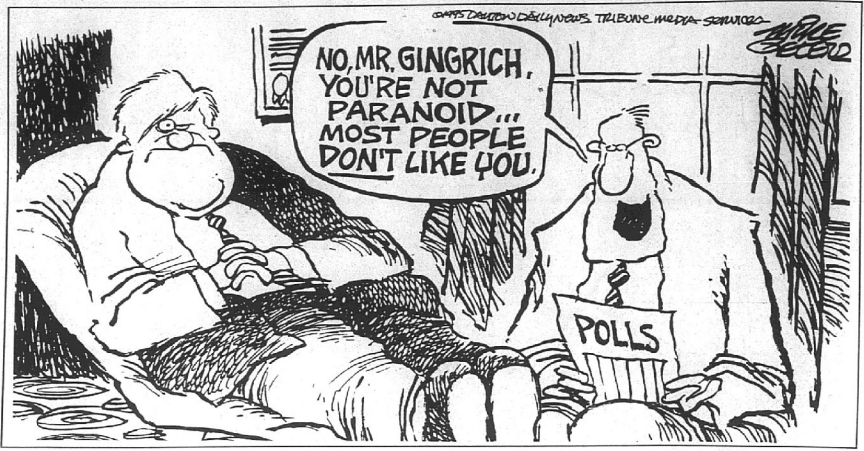
So, it appears that in addition to signing living wills and providing copies to everyone who could possibly require them, it might be a good idea to sit down and spell it out in detail, both in conversation with all of these people and in writing.

Make it clear, preferably concise, and in words of as few syllables as possible. Leave nothing to chance or open to possible misinterpretation.

Inevitably, "In the long run, we are all dead," John Maynard Keynes once said and he hit that nail on the head. None of us are out there waving our hand in the air and shouting, "Me next! Me next!" but the day we visit our lawyer to make our will, we're acknowledging that, eventually, it's going to happen. How or when, we don't know, but I see nothing amiss in wanting to have as much say-so as possible about the "how."

Most people I've talked with about it would, like me, prefer that it happen quickly. There's a lot to be said in favor of sudden death. And most of us, if we think about it seriously, realize that there are worse things in life than death, one of them being an evening spent with an insurance salesman, according to Woody Allen. But if my own demise isn't sudden, don't worry about addicting me to drugs.

Since Dr. Jack Keckorian came on the scene, we've been up to our tonsils in worry about medical ethics and morality and euthanasia, has been made to sound like a dirty word. It isn't. Look it up. "death" and thantos. "good" and thantos. My dictionary defines it as an easy and painless death.



## Letters to the editor

### Consider return to the church

TO THE EDITOR:

My dear brothers and sisters: I would like to take this opportunity, during this holy and penitential season of Advent, to reach as many inactive Catholics as I can. I want to personally invite you to return to the active practice of your Catholic faith.

I realize that your reasons for leaving the active practice of your faith is as varied and as numerous as there are inactive Catholics. For some, it's because you're angry with God (e.g. suffering the death of a loved one, a business failure or seeing your dreams and hopes die). For others, it is because you were mistreated by the priest, sister or church official (e.g. marriage to a non-Catholic, being divorced or numerous remarriages). And for still others, you feel that the change of Vatican Council II (e.g. communion in the hand, lay ministers, Eucharistic ministers) have destroyed the integrity and heritage of the Catholic church, the church you grew up with and loved deeply.

No matter what your personal reason is for leaving the active practice of your Catholic faith, there is one common denominator underlying all the above-mentioned valid reasons: an intense and deeply felt pain. A pain so intense that if not healed it will lead to annihilation.

I understand your reasons for leaving the active practice of your Catholic faith. But, I ask that you please understand that we are an imperfect church (living in an imperfect world) and as such we are prone to make mistakes. Please, take a few minutes now and seriously, prayerfully consider returning to the active practice of your Catholic faith. That is, please seek to heal that intense pain of being separated from your family, the church.

If I can be of any help or assistance or if you have any questions or concerns, please give a call at: 931-2916 and ask for "Father Bud" DeGrand. Or write to: St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 2301 Pontoon Road, Granite City, Ill., 62040.

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### Congregation lifts own spirits

TO THE EDITOR:

Our congregation wanted to share with the community what happened at our church yesterday, with the thought that perhaps other congregations, clubs or individuals would like to get an added lift to their spirits this Christmas season by doing something similar.

During Sunday school class, we discussed the homeless and needy, commenting that there were many people in our community who fit these descriptions, but not many people individually try to help them.

Naturally, someone mentioned Don (of Don's Hardware) and his latest misfortune, the theft of \$2,000 from his fund that he had set aside to continue his tradition of helping others. We spontaneously and immediately took up a collection for him and netted \$40. During morning worship we announced this undertaking.

ing, and the fund grew to \$115. Everyone gave with a big smile. It was evident that we all learned how much more blessed it is to give than to receive.

That money will be taken to Don this morning, and we hope this surprise contribution will make him as happy as it has made us. We feel we can defeat "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" if everyone in the community joins in.

CHARLIE VUNOVIC  
Central Christian Church  
Granite City

### Make donation as a tribute

TO THE EDITOR:

On Aug. 29, 1995, a little man with a big heart passed away. His name was Albert Valencia.

Albert was the kind of person who could never say no to anyone who needed help. I found this to be true when I first met him until he died. He was my friend for 30-some years. We were not the kind of friends that were closely associated; in fact, we sometimes didn't see each other for a year or more. But, if I needed help with anything, I always knew I could call Albert.

Albert became involved with the food pantry operated by the Foursquare Church and worked at it even though he was very ill. Now, he is gone and will be sorely missed by the less fortunate citizens of our community who depend on the food pantry for their survival.

I would urge anyone who has an extra truck or two to make a donation to the Foursquare Church Food Pantry as a tribute to Albert.

I want to say that I have no connection to the food pantry other than having made a few small donations to it because Albert asked me to.

It would surely make Albert proud to have the pantry benefit by your help during this holiday season.

DAN CHUROVICH  
Granite City

### Make holiday enjoyable

TO THE EDITOR:

Holidays can bring a mixed bag of emotions, some pleasurable and some not. These times can help make holidays more enjoyable for you and your child.

Don't begin talking about holiday activities too early. Most children have a very limited concept of time. They live in the "now" and so don't know how to wait "one week" or "one month."

Holiday gifts aren't rewards. Children look forward to gifts and some view them as signs of love. It becomes very stressful when exemplary behavior is made a condition of receiving gifts.

Monitor your own holiday stress level. For adults, holidays often bring extra financial, emotional, and family demands. Children sense your tension. Try to keep your stress level in check.

Encourage your child to ask questions about holiday customs and beliefs. At holiday times, especially around December, children often see and hear things that puzzle them, and many of their questions are ones that families have very personal answers to: "Is there really a Santa Claus?" Make time to respond to your child's questions. Try to keep your answers simple.

Look for ways to show your child that holidays are also times for thinking about others. Think beyond what gifts he or she wants to receive to seeing holidays as times for remembering others.

You might also start a new holiday tradition with your child, such as making cookies to give to an elderly neighbor. Whatever you do, be sure to praise your child for helping and talk about the good feelings that come from giving to others.

JANET DURKEE  
Mascoutah

## Might does not make right

There is a phrase that you will often find in the news media that requires careful consideration. I'm sure you have seen it yourself. It reads: "American women have the right to choose abortion. Violence and fear must not be allowed to render that right meaningless."

My reflections here are about the nature of rights. Their argument is quite simple. Since abortion is legal, therefore a woman has a "right" to it; and since it is legal and it is a right, then no one else is justified in attempting to restrict this action. Do you follow the thought? They have a right because it is legal.

This kind of argument is often used to justify abortion and to condemn attempts to restrict abortion. The subtle theory is basically in saying that if it is legal, it is moral; and if it is legal and moral, then it is immoral to oppose it.

Do you see the equation here of morality with law? Morality is REDUCED to law. That is why the appeal to the fact that it is legal is considered adequate to silence the opposition. What is a right anyway? I think people have a general idea that they "deserve" what the right happens to be, but they can't take it any further than that.

A right is a JUST CLAIM to something, with the focus on JUST. There are two ways that a thing can be a just claim. One is government law. If I meet the requirements for a driver's license, then I have a just claim to the license. The law has established the conditions under which I can make the claim.

There is another way I can make a just claim. That is by appealing to a law that is higher than the government's law. This is called natural law, or God's law. This is the kind of appeal that people make when something the government is

### Be an opinion shaper

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doing is wrong, such as slavery. They appeal to a higher law, a should bow to a higher law, a transcendent rule to counter government rights.

It is this basic reason that man's law is subordinate to God's law, so if we want to argue that the right of abortion is a violation of fundamental human rights, we must appeal to a higher standard. We must say that man's law is violating God's law, and God's law is the higher standard.

This is exactly what happened in the Declaration of Independence. It declares that there comes a time when a government exceeds its bounds and limits and violates the laws of God, then it is right for one to rebel against it. "That each man is endowed by his creator with certain unalienable rights." That is life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

Pure and simple, abortion is a right created by man's law, not God's, and when human law gives a right, it can take it away. The Constitution does not give the right of abortion; it's a right that nine men gave in 1773. The point is, the right to an abortion is a right but it is a man-made right, it is NOT a God-given right. THERE IS NO TRANSCENDENT RIGHT TO TAKE THE LIFE OF AN UNBORN CHILD.

I will agree that since abortion is legal, a woman has a legal right to have it, BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN IT IS MORAL. Do not reduce morality to mere power, either the power of government or the power of majority. MIGHT DOES NOT MAKE RIGHT.

Margaret Price is an artist, mother and grandmother who lives in Waterloo.



Bob Slate

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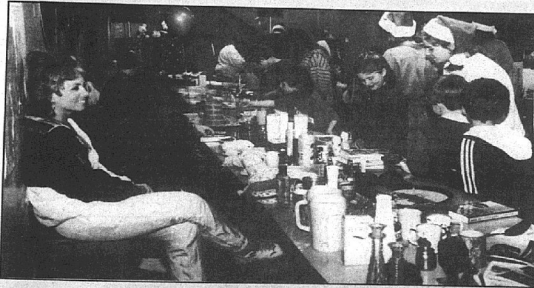


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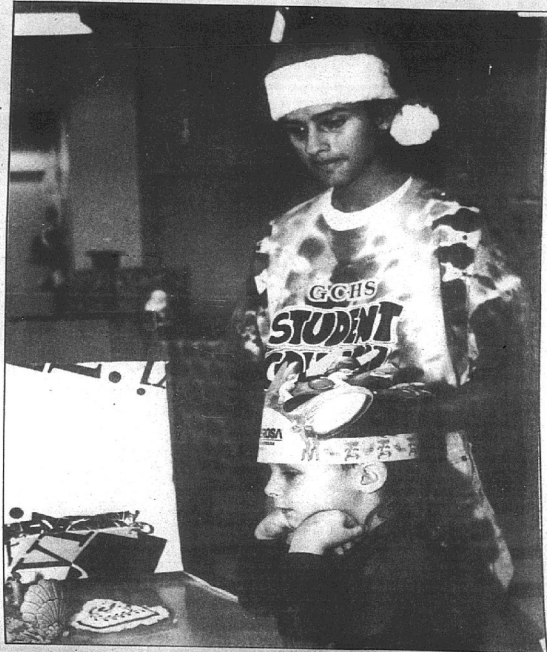
## Santa's Mini Mall....



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)



Above, Christopher Coleman, 5, and his sister Bridgett, 4, pose with Santa for photographer Pamela Hardy during Santa's Mini Mall in the basement of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church. At right, Dominick Hoffman, 5, watches as some of his purchases are wrapped. Geeta Kumar, a student at Granite City High School, helped him around the sale. At left, those attending the event had plenty of bargains to choose from.



GCHS student Marcie Holsinger watches as Darren Henry, 6, and Lindsey White and Buddy Kamburis, both 7, wait for volunteer Tim Woodworth wraps gifts they purchased.



Nina Modlin helps Katie Moran, 9, Ben Griffith, 7, his brother Daniel, 4, and Jeff Teichgraber, 9, sort through some of the items.



Terrell Boldt, 11, and his brother Terrence Norton, 9, look some of the goods over while GCHS student Liz McKechan helps them browse.



Nathan McFarland, 6, and Brittany White, 4, pay volunteer Marguerite Kennedy for their purchases while April Pierce, watches, holding Elizabeth McFarland, 18 months.

## Medicare Part B premium to decrease on Jan. 1

By Bill Hunot

For only the second time in history, the monthly premium for Part B of Medicare will decrease. Effective Jan. 1, the premium will be \$42.50 — a decrease from \$46.10 in 1995.

The decrease was caused, in part, by the dispute in Washington, D.C., over the federal budget. A 1990 law had set the premium for 1991 through 1995. Because Congress and the president have failed to reach a budget agreement, the 1995 premium, by default, was set using pre-1991 rules.

The Part B premium first decreased in 1990 when some coverage provisions were repealed. Medicare also announced that the Hospital Insurance (Part A) deductible will increase in January. The deductible is the amount a Medicare patient pays for virtually all in-patient admissions to the hospital. In 1996, the Part A deductible will be \$736 — up from \$716 in 1995.

Q. I expect to have to pay income taxes on my Social Security benefits which started this year. Will Social Security send me a statement of how much benefits I received in 1995?

A. Yes. In January, Social Security will send a statement, called an SSA-1099, showing the total benefits you received in 1995.

The SSA-1099 statement comes with an IRS Notice 703 which will help you determine if you must pay income taxes on your Social Security benefits. Individuals with income above \$25,000 and couples with income over \$32,000 pay income tax on part of their Social Security benefits. Complete the work sheet on the 703 and if you still have questions, call the IRS at 1-800-829-3676 and ask for Publication 915, Tax Information on Social Security Benefits.

Q. Why is there a limit to the amount of earned income that is taxed by Social Security taxes?

A. Social Security benefits are based on earnings replacement rates. In other words, benefits are designed to replace part of the earnings a worker loses when he retires.

When Congress designed the formula used to compute Social Security benefits, it recognized that workers with low incomes are less likely to have other pensions, savings and investments in their retirement years. So low-income workers were given a higher earnings replacement rate.

For example, a retiree with a steady work history at about the federal minimum wage can expect 65 percent of his pre-retirement earnings to be replaced by Social Security. Compare that to the average 40 percent replacement rate for retirees with earnings around the maximum Social Security earnings. Higher earnings still mean higher benefit amounts. But low-income workers get a better

deal when you compare their investment in the program (Social Security taxes) to the return on that investment (Social Security benefits).

The higher the Social Security maximum tax base, the lower the earnings replacement rate will be for wealthier wage earners. Taxing all earnings would leave the wealthiest wage earners with a replacement rate of only 15 percent.

One of the reasons Social Security enjoys broad popular support is that even the wealthiest taxpayers can expect to get reasonable returns on their tax dollars. Increasing taxes and reducing replacement rates for wealthier taxpayers would erode popular and political support for Social Security's programs.

Address questions for Bill Hunot to West County Publications, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131.





## Obituaries

## LeRoy Flaxbeard

LeRoy S. Flaxbeard, 79, of Granite City died at 4:35 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was born June 25, 1916, in Nashville, Ill.

A pipefitter with Commonwealth and later owner and operator of Flaxbeard Refrigeration, he was a member of St. John United Church of Christ in Granite City and a World War II Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Gertrude (Munzer) Flaxbeard; one daughter, Dianne Noonan of St. Louis; one brother, William Flaxbeard of Maryville; and two granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Solomon and Freda (Habbe) Flaxbeard.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City, where services are at 11 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Allen Reiter officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

## Sr. T. Uekman

Sister Theodore Uekman, CDP, 91, of St. Louis, formerly of Granite City, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1995, at Mount Providence Motherhouse in St. Louis. She was born Mary Cecilia Uekman May 28, 1904, in North Little Rock, Ark.

Sister Uekman entered the Sisters of the Holy Family community at Providence Heights, Pa., on Jan. 6, 1924, and came to this area to receive nurse training and serve at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, the first ministry of the CDP's St. Louis Province. She was the last remaining sister who had been present at the province's founding ceremony in 1930.

A nurse in the emergency room and surgical unit and a central supply supervisor with SEMC for 57 years prior to her retirement, she was a member of the Sisters of the Holy Providence for nearly 72 years.

Sister Uekman treated many steel mill workers who suffered burns from the 4,000-degree molten metal in an era before the Burn Treatment Center at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.

Survivors include three sisters, Lena Uekman, Elizabeth Trafton and Josephine Ferguson, all of North Little Rock. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Uekman Sr.

Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Mount Providence, 8351 Florissant Road in St. Louis, where a wake service will be held at 7 p.m.

Services are at 10 a.m. Friday at Mount Providence Motherhouse Chapel with the Rev. John E. Vogler officiating. Burial will be in Mount Providence Cemetery in St. Louis.

Memorials are requested for the CDP Development Fund, 8351 Florissant Road, St. Louis, Mo., 63121.

## Frank Duncan

Frank Duncan Jr., 76, of Granite City died at 11:17 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1995, at Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis, following a two-month illness. He was born March 20, 1919, in Indian Mound, Tenn., and had been a resident of Granite City since 1945.

A fireman with Norfolk and Western Railroad for 32 years prior to his retirement in 1979, he was a member of the Granite City Four-square Church, United Transportation Union and Legion Post 307.

Survivors include his wife, Melba (Potts) Duncan, whom he married Nov. 13, 1939; one son, Gordon Guyer of Granite City; three daughters, Ruth Jones of Dayton, Ohio, Beverly Guyer of Columbus, Ohio, and Dona Dolin of Granite City; one sister, Mary Benko of Granite City; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Duncan Sr. and Margaret (Gibbs) Duncan; and five brothers.

Arrangements are pending with Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive in Pontoon Beach, 797-1008.

Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates.

## Edmond King

Edmond Lawrence King, 86, of Spokane, Wash., formerly of Granite City and Placentia, Calif., died Thursday, Dec. 7, 1995, in Spokane. He was born in 1909 in St. Louis and had been a resident of Granite City for three years.

A 1927 graduate of Murphysboro Township High School in Murphysboro, where his credits included oration, drama, Latin, Zetetics (intellectual development), football, basketball (all-star for southern Illinois) and track. He also survived the 1925 tornado in Murphysboro, which destroyed 120 blocks of homes and businesses.

Mr. King was a machinist and supervisor with General Steel Castings, more familiarly known as Commonwealth, for 26 years and a member of the Elks Lodge in Granite City and Placentia.

His lifetime dedication was to barbershop singing, which began in 1928. He was a member of the Collinsville chapter and a lifetime board member of the Fullerton, Calif., chapter of the SPEBSQUSA.

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Survivors include one son, Edmond R. King of Spokane; two daughters, Jacqueline Gorb of Fresno, Calif., and Rosemary King-Lee of Marina Del Rey, Calif.; three brothers, Raymond D. King of St. Louis, Lawrence D. King of Orlando, Fla., and Wesley D. King of Patterson, N.J.; two sisters, Alma Mahfood of Salt Lake City and Edna P. Jansen of St. Louis; nine grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Stella C. King, to whom he was married 61 years, and who died in 1939.

Family members request that any memorial contributions be made to the SPEBSQUSA, Fullerton Barbershop Chapter, in care of Bob Hines, 8177 Glasgow Green, Buena Park, Calif., 90621, on behalf of their benefactors, the dead children.

## R. Cunningham

Robert David Cunningham, 42, of Granite City died at 5:48 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, 1995, at his residence. He was born Aug. 26, 1953, in Granite City, where he had been a lifelong resident.

A security guard with Burns Security in St. Louis for 15 years, he was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his father, Robert E. Cunningham, of Washington, D.C.; one brother, Christopher T. Black of Belleville; and one sister, Donna M. Caban of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lorraine (Tomkins) Black, and two brothers, Mark E. Babbs and Dale A. Hunt.

Per Mr. Cunningham's request, his remains were cremated.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 6:30 p.m. today, Thursday, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road in Granite City, where a memorial service will be held at 6:30 p.m. today with the Rev. Henry Crippen officiating.

Memorials to the family of Robert Cunningham are suggested to the St. Louis Chapter of the SPEBSQUSA.

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## Virgil Grimes

Virgil T. Grimes, 62, of Granite City died at 3:38 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was born Feb. 7, 1933, in Venice.

A member with Spectrillum Consortium Inc. in Madison, Wis., more than 39 years prior to his retirement in 1993, he was a member of AMVETS Post 204 in Madison and the Venice-Madison American Legion Post 307 in Venice, where he had served as a past commander. He was a Korean War Marine veteran, receiving the Purple Heart.

Survivors include four sons, Steven and Donald L. Grimes, both of Montgomery City, Mo.; Robert Grimes of Granite City and Gary Grimes of St. Charles, Mo.; four daughters, Donna Bellos of St. Charles, Lisa Grimes Merritt of Houston, Texas, and Kathleen Schroeder of Maryland Heights, Mo.; his former wife, Barbara, of Maryland Heights; three sisters, Roselyn Wilkinson and Alice Rumpf, both of Granite City, and Colleen of Edwardsville; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Virgil V. and Grace (Thompson) Grimes; two brothers, Lester and Donald Grimes; and one sister, Helen Bauer.

Services were to be held at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City, with the Rev. Bruce Rushing officiating. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

## James Lamp

James E. Lamp, 43, of Granite City died at 10:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, 1995, at his residence. He was born June 29, 1952, in Newark, Ohio.

A registered nurse with Deaconess Central Hospital for two years, he attended Ohio State University for two years and graduated from Columbus Technical Institute School of Nursing. He was a volunteer at St. Elizabeth Medical Center for two years.

Survivors include one daughter, Tracy Diller of Newark; his parents, Floyd and Bonnie J. (White) Lamp of Newark; three brothers, William and Wayne Lamp, both of Newark, and

Randy Lamp of Denver; one sister, Judy Young of Newark; his friend, John A. Flath of Granite City; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Richard Leon Lamp. Services will be held Friday at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City, with the Rev. Allen Reiter officiating. Burial will be in Barnes Cemetery in Newark.

Local arrangements were handled by Irwin Chapel in Granite City.

## Norma Hemken

Norma Lucille (McCarthy) Hemken, 83, of Granite City died at 4:45 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was born March 9, 1912, in Dover, Tenn., and had been a resident of Granite City for 68 years.

Formerly employed with Forest City, she was a member of St. John United Church of Christ in Granite City, the Granite City Eagles Auxiliary 1128, the Moose Lodge Auxiliary and various card and quilting clubs.

Survivors include her husband, Wilbert H. Hemken, whom she married Dec. 7, 1930; two sons, Wilbert N. Hemken of Granite City and Herman H. Hemken of Tullahoma, Tenn.; one brother, Clayton Wyatt of Chattanooga, Tenn.; three sisters, Maxine Fuller of Klamath Falls, Ore., Jean Latvala of Nashville, Tenn., and Ruth Potter of McMinnville, Tenn.; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John McCarthy and Irwin and Nancy Wyatt; one brother, Lee Wyatt; and three sisters, Estelle Neumann, Lois Renard and Erlene Frame.

Services were to be held at 9:30 a.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City, with the Rev. Allen Reiter officiating. Burial in Valley View Garden of Memory.

## Josephine Boyd

Josephine (Douglas) Boyd, 84, of Madison died Thursday, Dec. 7, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Belleville, where she had been a patient for two weeks. She was born in Shaw, Miss.

Mrs. Boyd was a member of the Silver Bells Senior Citizens in Venice.

Survivors include four daughters, Minnie L. Gray of San Francisco, Bessie M. Cooper of Madison and Arizona Leona; and Lucinda Mitchell, both of Belleville; one stepson, Marion Boyd of Madison; two stepdaughters, Catherine Ivy and Leora Gardner, both of Madison; one brother, Henry Douglas of Chicago; one sister, Mildred Miles of St. Louis; 23 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren and 24 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday at Gethsemane Church in East St. Louis with the Rev. Willie Mosley officiating. Burial was in Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt.

Arrangements were handled by Officer Funeral Home in East St. Louis.

## Mary Garcia

Mary (Carri) Garcia, 86, of Granite City died at 9:51 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, 1995, in Granite City. She was born June 16, 1909, in Fairmont City, Mo.

Mrs. Garcia was a member of the Fairmont City Senior Citizens.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary "Chachi" Fernandez of Granite City; two brothers, John and Manuel Carri, both of Fairmont City; one sister, Ann "Nedda" Fernandez of Fairmont City; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis F. Garcia; her parents, Manuel and Maria Carri; and several brothers and sisters.

Services were to be held at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, at St. John United Church of Christ, 9900 St. Clair Ave. in Fairview Heights, with the Rev. Lloyd Misho officiating. Burial in Mount Carmel Cemetery in Belleville.

Memorials are requested for the Holy Rosary School Fund in St. John's Hospital for Crippled Children.

Mo., by the Rev. Paul Pryor. Burial in Warden Cemetery, near St. Louis.

PINNEY, Mabel A. (Ash), 77, of Granite City died at 11:55 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, 1995, at Colonnades Nursing Home, Granite City. Services were Tuesday at Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City, by the Rev. Tom Wise. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Arrangements by Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City. Memorials to Alzheimer's Group at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

RICHMOND, Esther O. (Whit), 78, of Granite City, formerly of Cairo, died at 10:55 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, 1995, at her residence. Services were Wednesday at Church of God, Granite City, by the Rev. Robert Baker. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Arrangements by Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City. Memorials to Church of God.

ROBISON, Marion M., 78, of Granite City died Sunday, Dec. 10, 1995, at Castlehaven Nursing Center, Swansea. Services were Wednesday at Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach. Burial in Mount Lebanon Cemetery, Bridgeton, Mo.

SABOL, John J., 71, of Clearwater, Fla., died at 2:10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1995, in Clearwater. Services were Monday at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Fairview Heights, by the Rev. James H. Jansen. Burial in St. Adalbert's Cemetery, Fairview Heights. Arrangements by Kassy Mortuary Ltd., Fairview Heights.

SHIFTER, Frank A., 88, of Madison died at 5:10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7, 1995, at Colonial Care Center. Services were Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Madison. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Arrangements by Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City.

OLLIS, Dewane, 51, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., died Saturday, Dec. 9, 1995, at Doctors Hospital, Poplar Bluff. Services were Tuesday at St. Margaret and Sons Funeral Home, Piggott, Ark., by the Rev. Jerry Morgan. Burial in New Hope Cemetery, Piggott.

PACE, Archie L., 92, of Granite City died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 1995, in Maryville. Services were Saturday at Spencer Funeral Home, Salem, Mo.

McMILLAN, Charlotte K. (Kambarian), 69, of Overland Park, Kan., formerly of Granite City, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 1995, at Overland Park Regional Medical Center, Overland Park. Her remains were cremated. Burial of the remains in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Arrangements by Newcomer's Funeral Home, Overland Park.

CLAYTON, Jodie Rae (Phipps), 21, of Belleville, formerly of Granite City, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 1995. Graveside services and burial were Dec. 8 in Salem Cemetery, Alhambra. Arrangements by Dauderman Funeral Home, Hanel.

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BOERCKEL, Nellie I. (Alexander), 92, of Mitchell, died at 1:25 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, 1995, at her residence. Services were Saturday at Western Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach, by the Rev. Scott Koren. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

BOX, Olga Matilda (Schultz), 86, of Waterloo, formerly of St. Louis, died at 3:25 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, 1995, at Monroe County Care and Rehabilitation Center, Waterloo. Services were Tuesday at First United Pentecostal Assembly, Granite City, by the Rev. Kenneth Reeves, the Rev. Nathaniel Urshan and the Rev. Harry Scism. Burial in Shepherd Hills Cemetery, Barnhart, Mo. Arrangements by Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Memorials to Olga M. Box Memorial Fund at the church.

BRUNS, Lola Marguerite (Biffle), 85, of Collinsville, formerly of Cahokia, East St. Louis and Belleville, died at 7:20 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, 1995, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. Services were Saturday at Sun Life Church, Collinsville, by the Rev. Dennis Amsten. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery, Fairview Heights. Arrangements by Herbert A. Kassy Funeral Home, Collinsville. Memorials to Sun Life Church.

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## Decision

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At Tuesday's meeting, attorney Jack Humes, who represents the park, and Dolly Amore, regional vice president for the company, asked the board to approve the license.

"I stated (at the previous meeting) I didn't feel that was a proper course of action," Humes said about the motion to reconsider. "Our position is still the same."

He said the indictments deal with "past acts" and title questions that are being resolved.

Trustees Mike Maccek and Bob Vincenz said they did not feel comfortable granting the license because of the indictments.

"We've taken one tiny step to clean it up, but I don't want to see any of that crap from Chicago," Vincenz said.

He was referring to problems with building and zoning code enforcement in the park that led to a series of meetings

and other actions throughout the summer, and allegations that the company dumped poor quality mobile homes from other parks in the Chicago area.

Those problems led to an investigation by the Secretary of State Police.

In November, Elizabeth Couch, the off-site manager of the park, was indicted on nine counts of title-transfer violations, and has since pleaded guilty to eight of those counts.

Elaine Holmes, who sold and sublet mobile homes at the park, was indicted on 15 counts. A preliminary hearing had been postponed until late December because her attorney was not present.

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include four daughters, Virginia  
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sons: Floyd Siegel, 24 Great-  
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# •Spending Permit for apartments OK'd

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places." The county-by-county statistics include a category called "new families at risk," defined as first-time births to unmarried mothers under 20 who had less than 12 years of schooling.

The report said 14.6 percent of Madison County firstborn births, or 209 of 1,436, fit into that category in 1993.

In Madison County, 746 of 3,527 women giving birth in 1993 got prenatal care during the first three months of pregnancy in 1993, compared to 737 of 3,569 in 1993.

From the Alton Telegraph

## •Ruling

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But Duff said she was dismissing the case before Wilkerson had completed her testimony.

Assistant City Attorney Scott Griffith, who prosecuted the case, immediately appealed the dismissal and the case has been assigned to a different judge, court records show.

Illinois school law gives school boards "control and supervision of all public schoolhouses and grounds in their district." A 1948 court decision (McCullum vs. Board of Education of District 71) gave school boards "wide discretion" in the exercise of that power.

State law also provides that the criminal trespass law applies fully to school property. An appellate court ruled in a 1978 case that persons trespassing on school property after receiving notice from the board or its agents that they may not enter or remain on school property are guilty of a Class C misdemeanor (People vs. Thompson).

Granite City Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen said his department would continue to charge unauthorized persons with trespassing.

"If people go into the school unauthorized, without following the school's guidelines, we will continue to arrest them," Ruebhausen said. "We cannot have people roaming the halls of our elementary schools."

"I have not had a chance to talk to Judge Duff about her decision. But I certainly disagree with it," Ruebhausen said.

Wilkerson agreed with Briggs that school officials must be aware of who is in the building.

"We welcome everyone. We just need to know who they are," she said.

## •Filings

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24); Hagnauer (precinct 28); Margie Nott, of the 2700 block of Cayuga Street (precinct 29); Cherie Patrick, of the 200 block of Briarwood (precinct 30); Ray L. Romine Jr., of the 2500 block of Cleveland Boulevard (precinct 33); Roy Ponce, of the 2100 block of Lindell Boulevard (precinct 34); and Michael Allen, of the 3100 block of Princeton (precinct 35).

Filing for Democratic committeeman in Nameoki Township were: Randy Presswood, of the first block of Georgetown Drive (precinct 1); David Woodard, of the 2000 block of Sixth Street in Madison (precinct 2); Ken Davis, of the first block of Shirlwin Drive (precinct 7); Ron Briggs, of the 4200 block of Lake Drive (precinct 8); Judy K. Merritt, of the first block of Iris Avenue (precinct 9); and Pete Novach, of the 4600 block of D'Lynn Drive (precinct 11).

In Venice Township, Beulah Williams, of the 800 block of Franklin Street in Venice (precinct 5); Eleanor Armour, of the 1500 block of Third Street in Madison (precinct 6); William C. "Bill" Papa, of the 1800 block of Fourth Street in Madison (precinct 7); Andy Economy, of the 800 block of Alton Avenue in Madison (precinct 8); John Bellcoff, of the 1000 block of Grand Avenue in Madison (precinct 9); and Joe W. Young Sr., of the 1000 block of College Avenue in Venice (precinct 11) all filed petitions for Democratic precinct committeeman.

In addition to Conour and Carpenter, Democrats filing for committeeman in Chouteau Township were Gerald "Jerry" Morgan, of the 500 block of Fleming Street (precinct 1); Jack Stalcup Jr., of South Royana (precinct 2); Dennis E. Pearson, of Hartford (precinct 3); and James B. Taylor, of the 100 block of Cynthia Lane (precinct 5).

No Republicans had filed seeking committeeman positions in Granite City, Nameoki, Venice or Chouteau townships.

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A building permit for a \$5.7 million apartment project was issued by the Venice City Council Tuesday after some questions.

The council voted 6-1 in favor of the permit, with Alderman John Ervin voting against it. Ervin had questioned the addition of the architect's name to the building permit.

The council had tabled action on the building permit at the last meeting because of questions about the document. The permit was issued to Johnson Development and

Reality Inc. The company is planning to build a 100-unit apartment complex for handicapped and senior citizens.

The project, known as Country View Estate Apartments, will be built on a two-acre site on Fourth Street near Venice Homes.

On Tuesday, developer Linel Johnson said Bill Thompson of Thompson Designers, the project's architect, was added to the building permit at the request of the project's financial backers in Detroit.

Johnson said he had also requested a letter from City Attorney Casper Nigholostin clarifying a redevelopment agreement between Johnson's

company and the city.

The agreement calls for the city to give back 70 percent of the incremental income tax generated by the project within the TIF district.

Johnson said the clarification had been requested by U.S. Housing and Urban Development officials in Chicago, but they had been able to work around it.

After discussion, Alderman Henry Fletcher motioned to approve the permit. After the meeting, Johnson said construction would probably begin between mid-February and early March.

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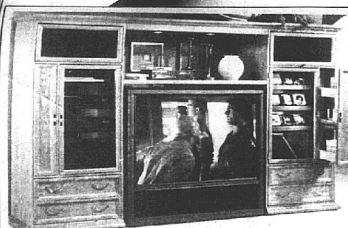
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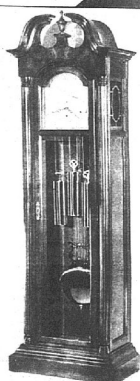
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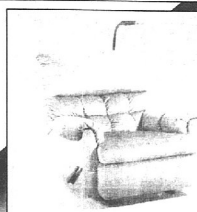
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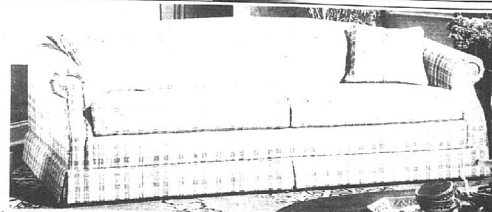
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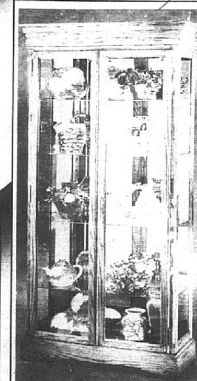
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# Anderson on trail for rights

ALTON — Former independent presidential candidate John B. Anderson was back in Alton campaigning Sunday. But instead of running for political office, his campaign was for international human rights.

"It is the responsibility for each and every one of us to be concerned about how rights are being carried out," he said. Anderson, 73, spoke to a crowd of 75 at First Unitarian Church, 110 E. Third St., on the 47th anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Anderson cited the similarities of the United Nations pact and the United States' historical roots. "It very closely tracks our own Declaration of Independence. It echoes the very same sentiments and words," he said. "It remains ... the responsibility of individual citizens to fashion means to make sure these are not just words printed on parchment ... a living thing, a reality."

The UN declaration calls for ensuring a number of individual rights of life and liberty, he said. Among those are freedom from slavery, rights of expression and employment, as well as regular, unhindered elections.

Anderson has been president of the World Federalist Association since 1992. The international organization's long-range goal is to strengthen the United Nations into a world federation, said Ron Glossop, the group's senior vice president.

If a federation was formed, individual countries would tend to national matters and the federation would oversee global concerns such as those affecting the environment, he said.

In the meantime, Anderson said the World Federalist Association wants to establish a permanent international criminal court on a worldwide basis to try human rights violators as well as war criminals.

## Anderson's input still sought

ALTON — John B. Anderson may not be running for president next year, but he is still active in the political arena. Last week he attended a high-level briefing on Bosnia with President Bill Clinton and other top-ranking officials.

Anderson also meets occasionally with former Sen. Gary Hart, Gov. Lowell Weicker of Connecticut and other political leaders to discuss America's political future.

Anderson said while the topic of third-party candidates has come up, he could not speak for the group's stance. "As an individual, it has been in the back of my mind," he said of supporting an independent candidate who has not yet emerged. Although it is difficult for independent candidates to get on state ballots, he said it is possible to win.

Anderson said Ross Perot is unpredictable, and he did not want to guess how Perot might affect next year's election.

"I think this is going to prove to be the most volatile political year in modern American political history," Anderson said in 1990.

He also said he does not support American and NATO forces being peace keepers in Bosnia. "I do not believe NATO should become the executor of the policy," he said.

Human rights abuses abound in countries throughout the world, from jailed protesters in China and Burma to child slaves in Sudan, Anderson said.

Americans cannot solve the abuse problems by expanding trade with countries that violate human rights, he said.

"I am skeptical ... that the banner of freedom will float as freely as the yen," Anderson said. "Now the (American) flag is going after trade. It is the inverted proposition of the old Manifest Destiny, that trade follows the flag."

"I hope we do not get so caught up in our desire to expand the American markets abroad that we are consumed by a materialist creed; that if only we can expand, everything will be all right, that (Third World) markets are ripe fruit ready for those to catch it."

A former Republican candidate, Anderson dropped out of the primary race for president in 1980 and ran on a moderate independent platform. Among campaign stops in area, he spoke to students at Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey and at Edwardsville High School.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record/Journals.

### Madison school levy up

A proposed 10.93 percent increase in the tax levy for the Madison School District will mean little if any increase in property taxes, according to district officials.

If there is an increase in the assessed value of property in the district, there should be no tax increase. If the assessed value remains the same, the owner of a \$30,000 home might pay another \$12.24 per year, said Superintendent Gary Allison.

The district is seeking a 1996 levy of \$1,390,557. The district collected a total of \$1,253,482 in property taxes in 1994.

### Woman held up at ATM

Granite City police are seeking information from anyone who may have witnessed a robbery at an automated teller machine in the downtown area Wednesday evening.

Police Capt. Jim Lengyel said Friday that investigators have little information to go on in the investigation of a reported robbery of a 27-year-old Granite City woman at the ATM at Granite City Steel Credit Union, 20th Street and Lee Avenue, at about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The suspect took \$50 from the victim and beat her about the head and hands with a license plate, according to a police report.

### Trailer park owner indicted

Village Green Mobile Home Park owner Ed Zeman was indicted on nine counts relating to the improper transfer of home titles last week by a Madison County grand jury.

He is the third person to be indicted over the improper title transfers at the park.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at the Madison County Courthouse in Edwardsville.

### Election sought

Pontoon Beach officials are discussing the possibility of having two advisory referenda in the spring elections.

The referenda — on ambulance service and trash pickup — were discussed at a special meeting Thursday.

Both referenda are issues being considered by larger groups.

The Long Lake and Mitchell fire protection districts — along with Pontoon Beach, and Nameoki and Chouteau townships — recently formed a committee to preserve ambulance service. Alternatives include the possibility of creating an ambulance district.

The village and Nameoki Township have also been considering hiring a single trash collector for the entire township.

### Venezia to lose \$7.5 million

Convicted racketeer Thomas Venezia of Belleville and his company must pay the federal government \$7.5 million, a jury ruled last week.

The penalty, imposed under the federal racketeering statute, must be paid in addition to property interests already seized by the government. That property includes Stages nightclub in Madison; 101 S. First Street, 123 S. Main Street and the 101 Club, all in Belleville; Cheeks and Main Street topless nightclubs in Washington Park; and more than a hundred video poker and slot machines.

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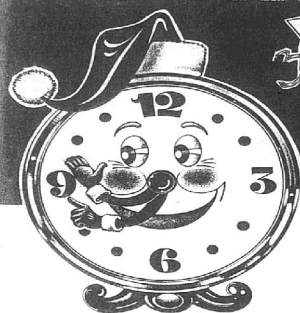
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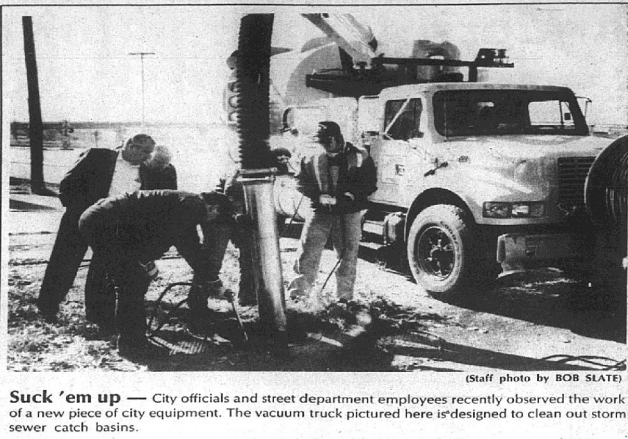
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## System's success reflected

# 911 coordinator honored

Recent honors for Madison County 911 Coordinator David Whipple reflect the success of the county's emergency telephone system, he says.

Whipple was elected vice president of the Illinois Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association at the organization's conference last month in Decatur. He had been a regional vice president for two years.

Whipple also was honored with the Illinois association's 1995 Award of Excellence, in part for his work with the organization and for local 911 achievements.

"A year and a half ago, we instituted a training program for all 911 dispatchers. They are trained to give prearrival medical instruction to people needing help," he said.

Dispatchers are trained to obtain pertinent information and provide appropriate instructions for almost any medical emergency, using written materials prepared for the purpose.

"It helps people until the ambulance arrives," Whipple said. "Last year, a dispatcher talked a family through CPR for a baby who almost drowned. You could lead someone through childbirth."

Sara Younand coordinates the Madison County training program, which has trained about 200 dispatchers from Madison and St. Clair counties.

Whipple's two-person staff also includes Deanna Roggio, who coordinates public education efforts, giving presentations on proper 911 use to Scouts, senior citizens and other groups.

The department is constantly updating a database that allows 911 dispatchers to determine where a call is coming from even when a connection is lost or the caller cannot provide information.

Addresses of new homes or businesses must be matched to telephone numbers and the database must be revised when businesses or families move, or ambulance, fire or police service areas change.

"We have added thousands of addresses since the system began operation (in June 1992)," Whipple said. "I probably assigned 25 addresses last week."

Madison County has one of the largest 911 systems in Illinois and the largest south of Joliet, with 16 answering points for 911.

Whipple has been active as the chief lobbyist for the Illinois association and the Association of Public Safety Communications officials in their work toward legislation to regulate wireless 911 service.

Surcharges on bills for land line telephones pay for operating 911 systems, but the groups are seeking legislation to authorize surcharges on cellular and other wireless telephones to pay for equipment needed to better serve those users.

Madison County 911 and systems in some other counties can answer calls from wireless phones, but calls are not necessarily answered at the dispatching center that can provide the quickest response.

In Madison County, all wireless 911 calls are answered at the Madison County Sheriff's Department in Edwardsville, no matter where the caller may be in the county. A cellular call from Alton, for example, must be transferred to appropriate emergency agencies in the city.

Whipple said technology is available to route wireless 911 calls to the closest answering point, but it is expensive.

A former Alton police officer, Whipple has been the county's 911 coordinator since July 1991.

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Giving blood is safe and simple. All supplies are sterile, used only once and then safely discarded. The actual donation takes about 10 minutes, but you should allow one hour for the donation process, from registration to refreshments.

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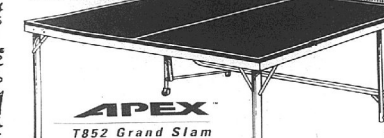
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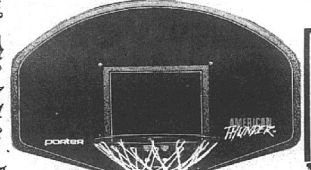


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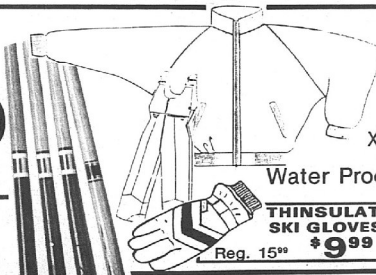
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# Top toys: This season's 'hot' toys include learning tools

By Jean Abernathy  
Staff writer

In years past it was the Cabbage Patch doll. Or Power Rangers action figures. Or Nintendo. Or Ninja Turtles. Every holiday season, it seems, there is a "hot" toy that has parents beating down the doors of toy stores.

Below is a list of hot toys compiled from information provided by retailers such as Toys R Us, Target and Venture. Chances are, some

will be on your Christmas list.

• **Lego Launch Pad**, or anything **Lego**: The 536-piece Launch Pad system is for advanced builders, ages 8 to 12. It features a working cargo door and hangar, spotlights, satellite tank and boosters.

• **Baby Tumble Doll**: It looks like a typical baby doll but is quite adept at performing somersaults.

• **Saturn System** by Sega: This 32-bit game system plays Genesis games as well as

audio CDs.

• **Brain Bash** by Tiger Electronics: This is a small electronic game in which players use memory coordination and math skills to keep up with commands and bang the right buttons.

• **American Girl of Today**: Dressed like a school girl of the '90s, this doll comes with six blank journals to record stories and create sketches.

• **The Official World Pog Federation Milk Cap Maker**:

Some people say pogs are old news, but not if kids make their own. This comes with 60 blank disks and a collectible slammer.

• **Game Boy** by Nintendo: This hand-held game system has survived (and come down in price) for many years.

• **Nerf Ripsaw**: This toy provides a hand-held way to blast Nerf balls across the room.

• **Barbie** by Mattel: This all-time favorite has gone to

medical school. Dr. Barbie is expected to be overbooked for the season. Barbie's Baby Sister Kelly is also on many lists.

• **Puzzle Logic**: These three-dimensional puzzles are shaped like castles, the White House and other famous buildings.

Just because kids want a particular toy doesn't mean it is good for them. However, most of the toys on the "hot" list are winners, said Pat

Teich, director of the Parkway

School District's Early Childhood Center.

Some of the best toys for children of all ages are those that involve construction,

Teich said. "Anything like blocks, Brio, Legos or Lincoln Logs are good," she said. "Children can develop and grow with the toys. A lot of children don't have experience building things, because they are used to computers. They lack experience building things and constructing things."

Toys that promote fantasy play also are good choices, Teich said. "Good old tea sets and housekeeping toys are wonderful," she said. "Dolls are good for both boys and girls. And food, the plastic food, is wonderful. You can expand the play by cutting out coupons in newspapers for literacy, and making grocery lists or menus for writing skills."

Teich also likes to see children receive gifts that promote playing outdoors. Balls of all sizes, bubbles and sidewalk chalk are inexpensive gift ideas.

"Kids are inside too much," she said. "They need things they can use outside, other than riding toys."

Perceptual and motor skills can be enhanced by puzzles, Teich said.

"Kids need a lot of practice to learn how to use puzzles," she said. "They need things they can use outside, other than riding toys."

And board games — even some ancient titles such as Risk, Scrabble, Monopoly and Sorry — are popular with the computer-age kids.

"Board games are good, because the rest of the family has to abandon what they are doing to play," she said. "Kids like and need that attention. Unlike a computer game that is just between the child and computer, board games promote language and communication."

However, most children really don't get the hang of board games until they are 7 years old, Teich said. "Because they always want to win," she added.

And don't forget books, Teich said. "Kids don't get books a lot ... good, hard-cover books with great illustrations are wonderful gifts," she said.

## Registration to begin for park classes

Registration begins Monday, Dec. 18 for a new session of classes being offered by the Granite City Park District.

Classes include:  
Ice skating lessons, held Saturday mornings at the ice rink Jan. 6-Feb. 10. Beginners. Cost is \$15 for residents, \$25 for non-residents.

Gymnastics and Dance  
All classes at Brown Recreation Center beginning Jan. 6. Cost is \$12 for residents and \$20 for non-residents. Beginners: Tuesday and Thursday, 5-6 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. Intermediate: Tuesday and Thursday, 7-8 p.m. Advanced: Tuesday and Thursday, 8-9 p.m. Parent and Tot: Saturdays, 11-11:30 a.m.

Pre-school gymnastics: Saturdays, 11:30-noon. Tap-Jazz-Ballet: Saturdays, 9-10 a.m. for K-3rd, 10-11 a.m. for 4th-6th.

Rhythmic gymnastics: Saturdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Cheerleading and Poms: Saturdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Girls Drill Team: Wednesdays, 6:45-7:30 p.m. and 7:30-8:15 p.m.

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All classes begin the week of Jan. 8. Registration begins Dec. 27. Slimmettes: Monday and Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Brown Recreation Center. \$15 residents, \$25 non-residents. No-impact aerobics: Monday and Wednesday, 7:45-8:45 p.m. at Brown Recreation Center. \$15 residents, \$25 non-residents. Step aerobics: Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Lincoln Place Community Center. \$20 for residents, \$30 non-residents. Country Line Dance: Beginners — Mondays, 5:15-6:30 p.m. Advanced — Wednesdays, 5:15-6:30 p.m. \$15 residents, \$25 non-residents.

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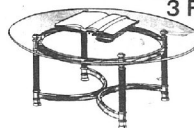


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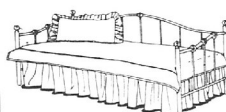


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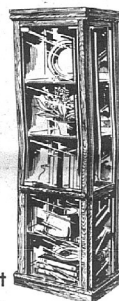


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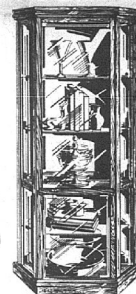


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## IV wrestlers impressive in tourney

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

The Granite City junior varsity wrestling team traveled to an important tournament last weekend, and took the third-place trophy home for their trouble.

With many of the stronger St. Louis-area teams on hand, the Warriors (147 points) took third behind champion St. Charles West (230) and runner-up Francis Howell (204). The tournament was held at Howell North High School.

But individually, the Warriors were outstanding. Out of the 13 weight classes, Granite City had four individual champions, one second-place finisher, one third-place and two fourth-place winners.

"We're happy with the amount of champions we had," said Warrior JV coach Tom Blaha. "Out of the four champions, three of them were freshmen. Since freshmen, sophomores and juniors can all wrestle in this type of tournament, that says something good about where we are."

A total of 10 teams were in the tournament; and the only other Illinois team, Belleville West, finished fifth.

Granite City champions included Justin Hale, a freshman, at 130 pounds; Brooks Narvaez, freshman, 140 pounds; Kevin Venne, freshman, 160 pounds; and Nick Campbell, a junior, who wrestled at 275.

Finishing second in his class was 105-pound sophomore Jeremy Cox; and placing third was 119-pound sophomore Matt Werner.

Placing fourth was Ryan Worthen, a freshman wrestling at 125 pounds; and Matt Levart, a 132-pound freshman.

"For having as many freshmen as we did, I'd say we did pretty well," said Blaha. "Out of the 13 boys we brought to the tourney, seven were freshmen. They stepped up and did a good job."

The low point for Granite City at the tourney was the loss of sophomore Dane Bauer. Wrestling in the 135-pound bracket, he fractured a finger in the first round.

"I couldn't believe it, the first round, and the first match I put him out there, this happens," Blaha said. "It's a big loss."

Overall, Blaha said the team is coming along well.

"We've shown improvement in good areas, things we can build on in the future. This team has a lot of good talent, and we have more freshmen than had ever come out for the team before in the time I've been here."

The JV wrestlers have an important showdown, along with the varsity team, tonight when they both face Belleville West. The JV team then has another tournament scheduled for this weekend, in Oakville, Mo. on Saturday.

## Chicago trip worthwhile for wrestling club

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

After a good showing two weekends ago at Palos Heights, Ill., a Chicago suburb, the Granite City Wrestling Club traveled to the Windy City again last weekend.

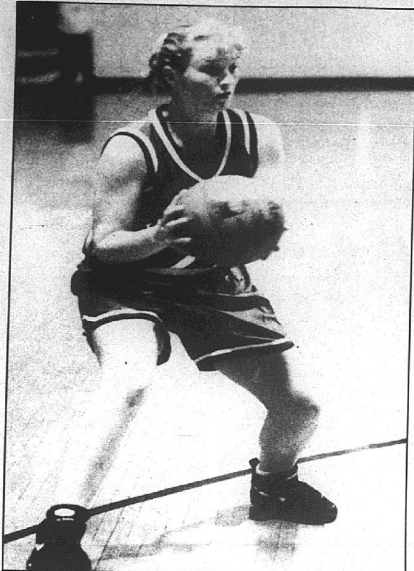
The results were just as successful for the GCWC, if not better. This time the site was Orland Park, just outside of south Chicago.

The GCWC had six champions, and four second place medal winners. Four others placed in the top four or five at the tourney, which suffered from the winter storm that hit the Chicago area late on Friday. Many of the teams that were scheduled to attend, did not.

Still, it was a dandy showing by the club.

"We had 10 of the 14 we brought wrestle in the finals," said GCWC coach Allen Kirgan. "And all of them placed in the top five. The cold weather did keep the field down, but there were still some very good teams there. All of the Chicago-area teams were there."

Finishing first in their respective weight classes were George Kirgan, Jake Tartaj, Larry Meyers, Jeff Carney, (See CLUB, Page 4B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRIESE)  
Granite City's Carrie Simpson played a solid game at point guard on Tuesday.

## Dupo hands Venice 61-59 overtime loss

By Brian L. Jones  
Correspondent

Dupo forward Jason Chism scored a layup from the left block with less than a second (.08) remaining in overtime to conclude a dramatic 61-59 victory Tuesday over the Venice Red Devils.

But the host Tigers (2-4) also had a chance to win the game during the final possession of regulation time, so instant heroics were not necessarily the story line of this intense battle.

Rather, it was the realization by Dupo head coach Rich King, in his second game since replacing former interim coach Vern Perry on Dec. 7, that up-tempo pressing teams like Venice (1-3) do not like to be pressed.

King surprised the Red Devils by springing his own late full-court trap, which sparked Dupo's recovery from a six-point deficit, 51-45, with 4:00 left in the fourth quarter. Venice folded at crucial times under that pressure and committed nearly half (five) of their 12 total turnovers in the fourth quarter and five-minute overtime sessions alone.

"We need to protect the ball much better than we did," said Red Devils coach Clinton Harris. "We had the lead 59-57 (with 2:35 left in overtime) and we went down and threw the ball away."

"We also missed some big free throws near the end. I thought there were a couple

of late fouls against us the refs didn't call. But (Dupo) capitalized on their free throws and shooting layups, and that made the difference."

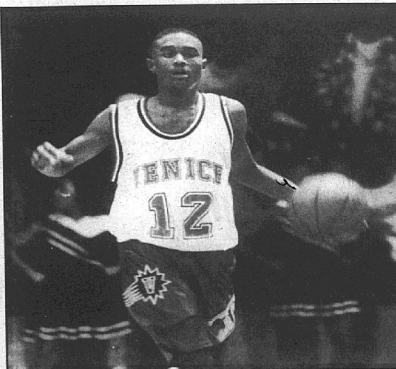
Harris knew his foul-plagued team was in danger after sophomore forward Jamie Edwards fouled out with 1:39 left in the fourth quarter.

Edwards had played the best game of his novice varsity career with personal bests of 18 points and eight rebounds. His departure was magnified by the absence of guard Kevin Roberts, normally a starter, who sat out with a sprained ankle.

Roberts will miss another game at 8 p.m. today when the Red Devils play host to Livingston. He is expected to return for the subsequent trip next Thursday to St. Louis Normandy, the last game for Venice before it enters the Columbia-Freeburg Holiday Tournament.

Sophomore Bewell Collins scored 10 points Tuesday in an admirable performance as Roberts' replacement at point guard, but the Red Devils lacked the bench numbers to run their up-tempo game at top speed.

In fact, they never used the press until the second half. And senior shooting guard James Buckels, who scored 25 points in the previous game Dec. 5 against Wesclin, went scoreless for three quarters Tuesday (See VENICE, Page 3B)



(Photo by KYLE HESTER)  
A sprained ankle kept Red Devils guard Kevin Roberts out of the lineup on Tuesday.

## Leaders of the pack

Lady Warriors 2-0 in SWC after beating Alton

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

The season is young, but look who's sitting atop the Southwestern Conference standings. It's the Granite City Lady Warriors, who are 2-0 in the conference after defeating Alton 54-47 Tuesday night at Memorial Gymnasium.

Despite some poor free-throw shooting and a few turnovers, the Lady Warriors hung on to thwart a fourth-quarter comeback bid by the Lady Redbirds.

Down by 17 points at one time, Alton never quit, and brought the score as close as a six-point difference with a minute left in the game.

"You have to hand it to Alton, they scrapped and scraped and never gave up, and that's what special about this conference," said Granite City coach Chuck Kraus. "I maybe kept the press on too long, and that's my fault. But we handled their pressure as well as could be expected under the circumstances."

The circumstances Kraus referred to was the complete overhaul of his lineup after Geeta Kumar could not play due to recurring knee problems. The Lady Warriors had only two days to prepare for life without Kumar.

She'll be out for a while, but there's no telling exactly how long," said Kraus.

Without his most talented ball-handler, Kraus had to switch his lineup around. But Carrie McMillan added her senior leadership to keep the team calm under pressure.

McMillan, third in the area in scoring, added a 26-point night to her average, but she got Anna Tapp, Tiffany Monroe and Christina Short added four points each for the Lady Warriors (5-2).

The Redbirds (1-5) were led by Jill Heneghan and Shaunda Wallace with 10 points each. Kennedy scored eight.

The Lady Warriors led by five after the first quarter and by 11 at the half. After the teams

traded baskets to open the second half, Tapp grabbed an offensive rebound and put the ball back for a pair, then Simpson fed her under the basket for another bucket. McMillan then hit a short jumper to give Granite City their first lead of 17 at 39-22.

The play was even for the rest of the quarter; and Short fed Simpson for a basket that gave the Lady Warriors a 43-28 lead after three.

Alton had their best offensive period in the fourth. After scoring just 28 in the first three stanzas, they poured in 21 in the final eight minutes.

"We did miss some free throws, and gave the ball away a few too many times, but the kids are still learning how to play together," said Kraus. "Once they get used to each other, we'll get better. Certainly, we missed Geeta tonight."

After Tapp registered one of her two blocks on the night, McMillan found Simpson for an easy two, and the lead was back to 17 with seven minutes left.

Then the Redbirds ran off a 17-6 run over the next six minutes. McMillan hit a jumper to make it 53-42, but Kennedy hit a tough jumper; before Wallace fed Beth Hall for another two points. After a free throw by Hall, the lead was just six with 1:27 left.

McMillan grabbed one of her game-high six steals with 30 seconds left, and was fouled with just :18 showing on the clock. She hit one free throw, and a last-second 3-pointer by Wallace fell short.

"We still are making young mistakes," said Kraus. "We're not seasoned by any means. We'll need a solid effort from everybody to play in this conference."

"We have a couple of big conference games coming up, and then we go play a tournament in Mascoutah, and there's not a bad team in that tourney. This will be a tough stretch for us, but I wouldn't put anything past these girls."



(Staff photo by JOHN FRIESE)  
Granite City's David Miskelley battles for the puck against Hazelwood East.

## Fire on ice

Unbeaten Warriors cruise past Hazelwood East

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

For the Granite City hockey Warriors, 9-0 translates into 9-0.

The Warriors remained unbeaten in nine games Monday with a 9-0 shellacking of Hazelwood East at Wilson Park.

Warrior defenseman and captain Chris Angle notched his first three-goal game of the year and added an assist to lead Granite City to the rout.

Bobby Pritchard added a pair of goals, and Mikal Guffey continued his torrid scoring pace with a goal and two assists. Aaron Reeves added a goal and two assists, and assistant captain Brian Johnson picked up three assists from the back line.

This train just keeps on rolling.

Hazelwood East had been playing pretty well. They're 7-3, and they beat Lutheran South 12-1 just the other day," said Warrior coach Dave Yurkovich. "They knocked off St. Mary's, too. So this is not a bad team. We just jumped out on them early, and we had a big night on special teams."

Indeed, the Warriors notched five consecutive power-play goals during the first and second periods, and tied a late short-handed goal just to make things fun.

And after the Warriors were guilty of backing in on defense last week against Marquette, they stood like a brick wall at their blue line Monday.

"The defense is getting so much better," Yurkovich said.

"This is not a bad team. We just jumped out on them early, and we had a big night on special teams."

— Dave Yurkovich  
Granite City coach

"After that last game, we talked about what we did against Marquette, and they really responded. They all stepped it up and shut everything down."

The shots on goal tell of the dominating effort. Granite City outshot Hazelwood East 18-4 in the first period and 14-3 in the second. A couple of Spartan power plays allowed them to play a closer third period, as the Warriors outshot them 10-6 in that frame.

"We were giving up a few rushes through center ice, but they'd make a couple passes, get to the blue line, and that would be it. They got stopped in their tracks," Yurkovich said.

Angle opened the scoring at 2:24 of the first period when he slammed home an unassisted goal. Less than three minutes later, Angle tallied again from Johnson and Reeves, starting the five-goal power-play run. Guffey added his 15th of the season at the 12:56 mark, again from Reeves and Johnson, and again with the man-

advantage.

Angle quickly put to rest any doubts about a hat trick, when he flipped still another power-play goal past the beleaguered Spartan goalie at 8:53 of the second. Angle was assisted by John Burns; then Burns turned around and scored at 12:39 from Reeves and Guffey.

Pritchard ended the power-play extravaganza when he tallied at 14:20 of the second, from Johnson and Kevin Nening.

Reeves got his seventh of the year to open the third period, followed by Pritchard again (his eighth) and Nening's short-handed effort, his tenth goal of the season.

On top of everything else, goalie Jim Conrad, who was shelved a bit in his last game three weeks ago, turned in a stellar shut-out performance.

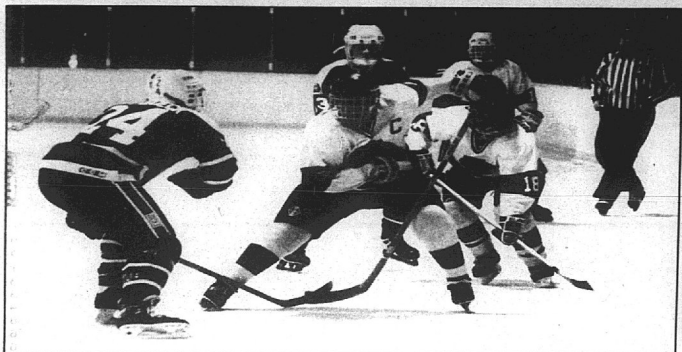
"Jim didn't face a lot of shots, but he did have to make some tough saves," Yurkovich said. "He needed a shot of confidence, and he got it. Actually, he told me in practice the other day that he was going to get a shutout, and he did it."

In fact, Yurkovich agreed it's hard at this point to find anything seriously wrong with the Warrior team.

"It's all coming together for us. But we're not letting up at all while on this winning streak. We're moving on to other systems, in case we get shut out later and need to change some things."

"We still have a lot at stake, and the guys really want to stay undefeated."

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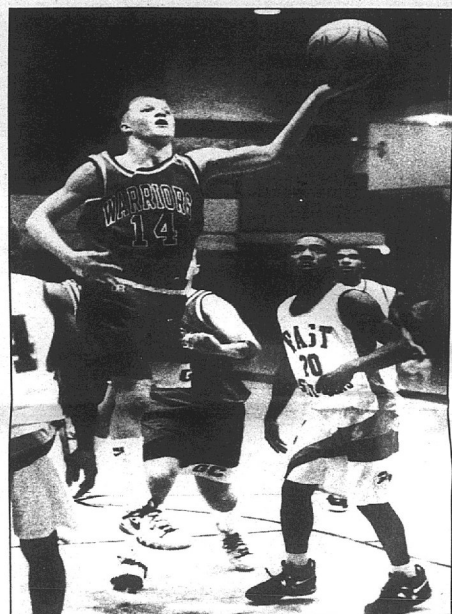
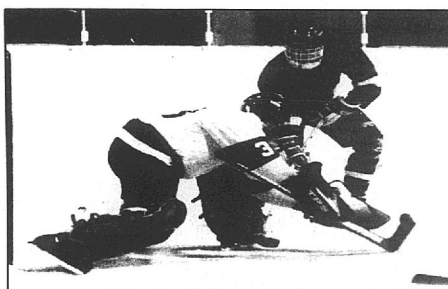
Above: Granite City's Chris Angle (center) and David Miskelley move up the ice.



Above: Granite City wrestler Jeff Estrada (top) is on his way to another victory.



Above: The Warriors' Nathan Brewer and Triad's Josh Cigliana go up for a rebound.



Above: Granite City's Steve Logan attempts a layup as East St. Louis' Ray Morris looks on.  
Above left: Granite City's Chris Angle battles for the puck along the boards.  
Lower left: Warriors goalie Tony Evans reaches for a loose puck.

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Ice action — Granite City's Mikal Guffey controls the puck. The Warriors improved their record to 9-0 with Monday's 9-0 win over Hazelwood East.

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## Redbirds struggle, but edge Madison

By Tim Carley  
Correspondent

The Alton Redbirds suffered a poor shooting night on Tuesday night. Alton suffered from the free-throw line as well. The only place Alton didn't suffer was where in matters.

Despite some shortcomings, the Redbirds stepped up when it counted and defeated the Madison Trojans 55-53 in a nonconference battle played at Madison.

"We didn't play near the kind of basketball we wanted to play, but we won," Redbirds coach Ron Smith said. "We were horrendous from the field, but we won. We missed a lot of free throws, but we won. We gave them a lot of second chance baskets, also. All of the things necessary to win a basketball game, we didn't do. But the bottom line is that we won."

"You can't play perfect basketball every night. Sometimes you get knocked off and some times you win. Tonight we found a way to win."

Alton (7-0) trailed 53-51 with less than two minutes remaining when the Redbirds got down to business.

Junior forward Marlon Crawford found Mark Miller cutting through the lane for an easy layup.

Madison (3-3) promptly missed a shot, Alton gained possession and called timeout with 1:17 remaining. The Redbirds went into a four-corner offense to spread the floor and play for the last shot.

Crawford took the shot for Alton, an eight-foot baseline jumper, but it rimmed out. Luke Hardimon was in perfect position for Alton and was fouled on the rebound with 12 seconds remaining.

"Marlon wants the ball in his hands with the game on the line, and we want the ball in

his hands," Smith said. "Because if he can't score, he will find someone who can score."

The Redbirds were 21-of-42 from the free-throw line on the evening and Hardimon's first free-throw clanged off the back iron.

But Hardimon gathered himself by stepping off the line, and bottomed the second to give Alton a 54-53 lead.

The Trojans moved up the court with a chance for the victory.

Alton's defense swallowed up Tony Smith and forced him to travel with six seconds remaining.

On the ensuing inbound pass, Redbird guard Barry Mossman was fouled immediately.

Like Hardimon, he only made one foul shot and Alton had a two point advantage at 55-53 with four seconds remaining.

Madison's last chance to tie or win the game, a desperation 3-pointer from the deep corner by Desmond Simms, didn't draw rim as the buzzer sounded.

"We feel fortunate to come into Madison and leave with a win, because I don't think many teams will leave here with a win," Smith said. "Our kids really battled tonight. We weren't missing shots intentionally but we worked hard and came away with a win."

Crawford was his usual dazzling self as he led Alton with 19 points and dished out nine assists.

Miller was the only other Redbird in double figures as he added 16 points, mostly on stick backs in traffic off offensive rebounds.

"The last two or three games, Mark's given us some good minutes, and tonight he had an awfully good game," Smith said.

Kevin Bradley led the Trojans with 17 points.

team failed on subsequent possessions. Before Venice regained the ball with under a minute to go.

But reserve forward Harvel McDonald got trapped dribbling in the corner with 24 seconds left and had the ball stolen away by Czapla. Duplo missed some clock and called time out with 13.1 seconds left to set up the winning play. The Trojans ran a quick weave pattern around the lane area to get Chism free for the winning layup.

"This is just his second year of playing ball, so he's still learning," Harris said of McDonald, who scored six points and grabbed eight rebounds as the sixth man.

He did a nice job of rebounding on the offensive board and gave us some quality minutes. I think the kids will come back from this loss and learn from their mistakes."

One thing Venice can't change is its lack of height with no players taller than 6-1. Duplo exploited the difference to get 18 points and six rebounds from 6-6 sophomore forward Tim Weichert, and 12 points and five rebounds from 6-4 center Joe Hancock.

Venice also 15 points from forward Keila Kennedy though none after the third quarter — but Duplo had a 10-6 edge in offensive rebounds after halftime.

### Journal Writers' Poll Wrestling

Team	Points
1. Fox	38
2. Granite City	36
3. Hazelwood East	26
4. St. Charles West	24
5. Francis Howell	22
6. Vianey	18
7. Civio Memorial	17
8. Pattonville	16
9. Oakville	9
10. Belleville East	7

### Journal Writers' Poll Boys Basketball

LARGE SCHOOLS	
1. Webster Groves (5-0)	50
2. CBC (5-0)	42
3. Belleville East (NA)	31
4. (tie) Alton (7-0)	23
5. (tie) St. Charles West (4-0)	23
6. DeSmet (2-3)	19
7. (tie) Mehlville (3-0)	16
8. (tie) Francis Howell (4-1)	16
9. (tie) Vashon (4-2)	8
10. (tie) Eureka (3-2)	6

Also receiving votes: River View Gardens, Collinsville, Northwest, Hazelwood East, Hazelwood West, Parkway Central and De Soto.

SMALL SCHOOLS	
1. Cardinal Ritter (2-3)	48
2. John Burroughs (6-0)	46
3. Berkeley (4-1)	35
4. (tie) MICDS (NA)	31
5. (tie) Lutheran South (3-1)	31
6. Duchesne (NA)	25
7. Fostus (2-3)	20
8. (tie) Columbia (3-0)	11
9. (tie) Gibault (3-1)	11
10. St. Dominic (NA)	4

Also receiving votes: Rosary, Bayless and Valley Park.

### Journal Writers' Poll Girls Basketball

LARGE SCHOOLS	
1. Parkway South (3-0)	49
2. Cor Jesu (3-1)	46
3. St. Charles West (5-0)	37
4. Hazelwood Central (6-0)	36
5. Belleville East (NA)	30
6. Northwest (NA)	28
7. Parkway West (1-1)	18
8. Belleville West (NA)	12
9. East St. Louis Lincoln (NA)	10
10. Francis Howell (NA)	7

Also receiving votes: Webster Groves and Nerinx Hall.

SMALL SCHOOLS	
1. Incarnate Word (4-0)	50
2. John Burroughs (3-1)	41
3. Rosary (5-0)	36
4. (tie) Herculaneum (NA)	32
5. (tie) Althoff (6-2)	32
6. Duchesne (3-1)	22
7. MICDS (5-1)	20
8. St. Pius (NA)	15
9. Orchard Farm (NA)	12
10. Bayless (NA)	10

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**Soccer success** — A junior bantam soccer team sponsored by Mitchell's Tae Kwon Do finished the season with a 7-1-2 record. Front row (from left): Kevin Wilson, Sean Przygoda, Todd Smith, Andy Sigite, Andy Mell, Jonathan Cavins and Billy Verschuyt. Middle row: Matt Carmody, Richie Asadorian, Chris Heinze, Nick Roberts and Emily Hays. Back row: coaches Tom Roberts and Bob Niemeyer. Not pictured: Jonathan Costello.

## FCA volleyball coaches clinic Jan. 6

The Greater St. Louis Area Fellowship of Christian Athletes will hold its 1996 volleyball coaches clinic on Saturday, Jan. 6 at a site to be announced.

Clinicians include: Belleville Area College coach Lisa Kowalski, Jefferson College coach Jo Ellen Stringer, Sue

Kelly (Liberty University, St. Louis University, FCA staff) and Karen Hopkins (Illinois State, Kirkwood High School, Kirkwood Volleyball Club). The cost is \$20 in advance and \$25 on-site and includes refreshments and door prizes. For more information, call (314) 863-3322.

## •Club

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Cory Nance and Alan Winters. Placing second at the tournament were Gary Oxford, Mark Venable, Chad Wilson and T.J. Nance. Last week, Kirgan said Oxford looked nearly unbeatable, but going up against last year's state champion proved to be Oxford's undoing.

"He wrestled a very tough kid, Blake Vermillion. The match ended 5-4, and a couple of times Blake could have been called for stalling, but he wasn't," Kirgan said. "But that's OK, Gary still wrestled well."

Picking up fourth-place medals were Richie Carney, Scott Carney and Tom T. Carney, while Ben Cook placed fifth in his class.

The GCWC has a tournament coming up in Alton, but mostly everyone is getting ready for the Granite City Tournament to be held over the Christmas holiday week.

"The tournament is one of the largest and best wrestling meets held in the state and certainly in this area. Over 50 teams and 600 wrestlers will be on hand from Illinois and Missouri, with plenty of St. Louis teams coming over for the competition."

"It'll be good not having to drive to Chicago this weekend," Kirgan said. "But with all of the work that has to be done in preparation for that Christmas Journey, maybe going up to Chicago isn't that bad after all."

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The Granite City Eagles Auxiliary 1126 initiated two new members on Nov. 14. Shown are, from left, Kathy Dehn, president Joanna Spencer and March Church.

**Eagles attend  
District meeting**

Seven officers and members of the Granite City Eagles Auxiliary 1126 traveled to Alton to attend the District Seven meeting on Nov. 26. Those members from Granite City were Angie Buehler, Hilda Melton, Mildred Boyd, Rose Piechocinski, Katie Kostoff, Vincine Zerlan and Joanna Spencer.

Mary Stopmar, installing president, performed the ceremony and installed Marilyn Oyen, district president. Oyen was away on her anniversary cruise and was unable to attend the regular installation of officers in September.

Oyen was then presented with the gavel and she presided over the meeting. A roll call of auxiliaries was taken. Alton had 13 present, Collinsville, 11; Granite City, seven; Jerseyville, six; Shiloh, three; and Wood River, seven. A total attendance of 43 was recorded.

Joanna Spencer was the guest speaker. Her topic was the state Eagle newsletter.

A motion was made and approved to sponsor Elaine Jagla and Joanna Spencer to run for southern zone trustee at the convention. A motion was made and approved to sponsor the District Seven ritual team to Paducah to compete at the convention there. A monetary donation will be given for their travel expenses.

A \$25 donation will be given to all auxiliaries as they host the district. The money will be used for their food pantries or charity work for the needy in the area.

St. Collinsville Auxiliary 1051 took home the traveling trophy for the highest percentage in attendance. The trophy is a monetary donation for the most members in attendance.

The next district meeting will be hosted by Shiloh Auxiliary 546 on Feb. 11, the new hours of 1 p.m. for officers' meeting and 1:30 p.m. for the regular district meeting will stand.

**Births****Wood**

Melanie R. Wood of Granite City has announced the birth of her first child, a daughter.

Jelina Margarita Wood was born at 8:05 a.m. Nov. 14, 1995, at Lutheran Hospital in St. Louis and weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

Her grandparents are Ricky A. Holz and Clara D. Wood.

**Gestes**

Terry and Kim Gestes of Pontoon Beach have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Tanner Kent Gestes was born at 12:45 a.m. Nov. 19, 1995, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis and weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Steve and Rita Barrett of Collinsville. Paternal grandparents are Dale and Adela Gestes of Belleville. Tanner joins Taylor Gestes.

**Melching**

Richard A. Melching Sr. and Connie L. Melching of Renault have announced the birth of a daughter.

Tiffany Lynn Melching was born at 5:04 a.m. Nov. 19, 1995, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis and weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Gary and Donna Wiedner of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Roger and Maxine Melching of Renault.

Tiffany joins two half sisters, Tara Melching and Nikki Melching; and one half brother, Richard Melching Jr.

**Prather**

Travis Lee Prather and Donna Lynn Prather of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Elizabeth Anne Prather was born at 2:21 a.m. Nov. 21, 1995, at Christian Northwest Hospital in St. Louis and weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Pete and Linda McFarland of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Larry and Judy Prather of Granite City.

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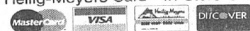
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## FAMILY



Tim and  
Lynda Patterson-  
Akeman

Lynda Akeman and Tim Patterson were married Sept. 30, 1995, at Glenview Chapel in Granite City by the Rev. Jeff Smith.

The bride is the daughter of Sam and Mary Jo Akeman of Granite City. She is a respiratory therapist with St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The groom is the son of Lanzo and Pat Patterson of Granite City. He is a manager with Sherwin-Williams Corporation in Granite City.

Christy Halbert was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Dawn Gonski, Lydia King, Cindy Akeman, Susan McClary, Robin Brenizer, Meghan Daily and Jackie Ennis. The junior bridesmaids were Jada Foster and Kendall Patterson.

Brian, Kevin and Danny Patterson, brothers of the groom, were the best men. The groomsmen were Steve Akeman, Jeff Grote, Jim Cromer, Phil Poiter and Garry Henson. The junior groomsmen were Calin Foster and Jake Patterson.

The flower girl was Hannah Foster. The ring bearer was Zack Patterson.

The ushers were Kevin McKee, Jeffrey Boyd and Todd Hintner.

A reception was held at St. Gregory's Armenian Hall in Granite City.

Following a honeymoon to Disney World and a cruise to the Bahamas, they reside in Pontoon Beach.



Heather and  
Douglas Johnson-  
Nobus

Heather Lynn Nobus, formerly of Granite City, and Douglas Lee Johnson were married Sept. 23, 1995, at Zion Lutheran Church in Staunton by the Rev. Leslie Mitkos.

The bride is the daughter of Larry and Shirley Lassen of Edwardsville. She is a physical therapy student at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

The groom is the son of Dr. Lee and Janet Johnson of Staunton. A graduate of the University of Illinois, he is employed with Washington University School of Medicine as a medical research technician.

Jennifer Schwartz of Granite City was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Tracy Arnold, Lara Johnson, sister-in-law of the groom, and Jayne Johnson, sister of the groom. The junior bridesmaid was Tiffany Barunica, cousin of the bride.

Matt Johnson of Glen Carbon, brother of the groom, was the best man. The groomsmen were Glenn Niemann, Jess Ray and Bob Fulton.

The ushers were Kevin Messer of Edwardsville and Kevin Stevenson of Hamel.

A reception was held at the American Legion Hall in Edwardsville.

Following a honeymoon to Eureka Springs, Ark., they reside in Maryville.

## Marriage licenses

The following marriage licenses have been issued through the office of Debbie Saltich, Madison County clerk:

Michael Asis and Betty Daquiz Martinez, both of Granite City.

Bryan Keith Barnes and Beth Ann Wilmouth, both of Granite City.

Gerald Eugene Beckham and Rosemary Margaret Causey, both of Granite City.

Timothy Wayne Gihring and Amy Lynn Duffield, both of Granite City.

Virgil Edwin Hughes 3rd and Denise Alice Hubbard, both of Madison.

Darren Keith Irby and Arlene Podoba, both of Madison.

Joseph Jon Kayich Jr. and Nicole Lynn Avila, both of Madison.

Jimmie Louis Luckshis and Marcella Louise Ralston, both of Granite City.

Robert Lewis Marczak and Nancy Lucille Marczak, both of Granite City.

Shawn Patrick Martin of Granite City and Dean Marie

Cashetta of Troy.

Jesse Todd Miller and Maureen St. Claire Wolfe, both of Granite City.

Leon Owens and Sinceria Hawkins, both of Madison.

John Edward Syme of Minerva, Ohio, and Ronelle Lynn McPee of Granite City.

Brett Barron and Renee Biggs, both of Granite City.

Kerry Lafaye Bridges and Patricia Ann Pryor, both of Granite City.

Russell Allen Dayton and Donna Jean Burnett, both of Granite City.

Joseph Hodge and Jeanette Hummel, both of Madison.

Douglas Hoffman of St. Louis and Dona Kessler of Granite City.

Shawn Dawain Holt and Barbara Ann Hayes, both of Granite City.

Timothy Dwain Hooper and Debra Kay Hooper, both of Granite City.

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### Legion visits veteran home

Venice-Madison Post 307 American Legion Auxiliary and American Legion traveled by bus to the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy on Dec. 2.

The group stopped for breakfast at Campsville, Ill., and for dinner at Pittsfield, Ill. There were 22 members attending.

At the veterans home, a bingo was held for 98 residents. Refreshments of homemade cookies, cupcakes, bananas and drinks were served.

Each resident was presented with a colorful dittybag with a banana, roll of Lifesavers and package of cheese and crackers.

The group took 313 paperback books, 60 magazines, 16 jigsaw puzzles, 16 crossword puzzles, decks of cards, 101 dittybags and 150 items of clothing for the clothing room. Bingo prizes of \$150 were given.

Those attending from Venice-Madison Unit and Post 307 were Norma Hillmer, Joyce Pittenger, Pauline Mersinger, Margaret Nonn, Dolores Weis, Mary Hellingner, Stanley Barigel, Loretta Barigel, Juanita Williams, Bette Nugent, Lavera Johnson, Elvira Cias, Kate Buechele, Harold Buechele, Yvonne Passig, Louise Passig, Millie Weatherford, Stanley Lapinski, Anne Lapinski and Dorothy Hinson, chairman.

## Organizations

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The president of the Ly Agers, Bob L... announced that the meeting will be held Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Baptist Church on St. Louis Ave., in Granite City. All seniors of the are invited to attend.

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## Friendly Agers

The president of the Friendly Agers, Bob Lewis, has announced that the December meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Second Baptist Church, 2100 Illinois Ave., in Granite City. All seniors of the community are invited to attend. A dinner

will be served. All attending are asked to bring a covered dish. Call 877-4382.

## Holy Family Ladies Club

This year, the annual Holy Family Ladies Club Christmas party was held at Sunset Hills Country Club in Edwardsville.

Before a sit-down dinner was served, prayer was led by Sister Jean Patrick. Christmas attendance prizes were won by Joyce Taff and Carol Makarewicz.

Attendance prizes were won by Tracy Cook and Cindy Ramsey. Several games of "count up" were played after dinner. The next Ladies Club meeting will be held Jan. 3. All ladies of Holy Family Parish are invited to attend. The quilt of the month raffle tickets will be assembled at that meeting.

## GCAEOF

The Granite City Association of Educational Office Personnel held its November meeting in the senior high school cafeteria.

Entertainment was presented by the vocal music department of the high school, under the direction of Gail Mueller. A presentation honoring Veteran's Day and Christmas was enjoyed by the members present.

President Louise Moad presided over the business session.

Those present were Moad, Nancy Rosales, Betty Grote, Sharon Parker, Barb Dickerson, Sonya Olmstead, Barbara Schreiber, Lucille Caban, Berta Milianis, Barbara Bilyrey and Pris Holder. The next meeting will be a Christmas party, held Dec. 18.

## Students get reading 'Running Start'

The first grade students at Niedringhaus School are participating in a reading program called "Running Start." The reading program is part of a grant that was awarded to all first grade classes in District 9.

The program kickoff for Niedringhaus was held recently with parents invited to attend. The children entertained with a song entitled "R-E-A-D READ!" which was written, taught and choreographed by Alicia Popilchak, music teacher.

Later, the first grade students were treated to a story read by "Granny Helen," played by Helen Schmisser, retired school administrator.

The first grade teachers, Debbie McMillan, Carolyn Toeniskoetter and Debbie Wal-



First grade students at Niedringhaus School listen intently to "Granny Helen" (Helen Schmisser) as she reads them a story at the "Running Start" kick-off night at the school.

lia, prepared packets of books for the children to read at home.

The goal of the program is for each student to read 21 books by Dec. 20. Students who

participate in the program will receive a book, purchased with grant funds, to take home.

Students who complete the program will receive an additional award and a popcorn and movie party on Dec. 21.

## Births

## DeVondre Walker

LaToya Walker of Madison has announced the birth of her fourth child, a son.

DeVondre Jamal Walker was born at 2:50 p.m. Nov. 11, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

His grandparents are Har-

vey Wright of Rockford, Ill., Kathy Edmonds of Madison and Verna Wright of Venice.

DeVondre joins Harvey Walker, 6; La'Tanya Walker, 11; and La'Toya Walker, 14.

George Narup III, George Narup Jr. and Tammy Brooks, both of Granite City, have announced the birth

of a son.

George Henry Narup III was born at 2:15 p.m. Nov. 18, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 9 pounds, 7 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Jeanie Brooks of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Leonard and Elizabeth Crone of Granite City. George joins Amanda Narup, 7.

## Jesse Slecka

Jon and Darla Slecka of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Jesse James Slecka was born Nov. 21, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Louis and JoAnn Spahr of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Robert and Betty Slecka of Granite City. Jesse joins Jonathan, 4.

## Braden Feigl

Greg and Marilyn Feigl of Glen Carbon have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Braden Gregory Feigl was born at 4:56 p.m. Nov. 27, 1995, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis and weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces.

The mother is the former Marilyn M. Maynard. Maternal grandparents are Robert and Geraldine Maynard of Manchester, Mo. Paternal grandparents are Franz Feigl of Caseyville and Jo Elaine Feigl of Granite City.

Braden joins Lindsey Margaret Feigl, 2.

## Savannah Price

Joseph and Paula Price of Pontoon Beach announced the birth of their second child, a daughter.

Savannah Mae Price was born at 11:09 a.m. Nov. 30, 1995, at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis and weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Paul and Jerry Jenkins of St. Louis. Paternal grandparents are Bruce and Anne Price of Granite City. Savannah joins Sydney.

## Public Notice of Draft NPDES Permit Public Notice Number 95092110-RLC

Public Notice is hereby given by Illinois EPA, Division of Water Pollution Control, Permit Section, 2200 Churchill Road, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-0276 (hereinafter "Agency") that a draft National Pollution Discharge System (NPDES) Permit Number IL0033481 has been prepared under 40 CFR 124.6(a) for City of Granite City, 2000 Edison Ave., Granite City, IL 62040 for discharge into Chain of Rocks Canal from the City of Granite City Regional S.T.P. Granite City, IL.

This facility provides treatment of wastewater generated within its service area. The application, draft permit, and other documents are available for inspection and may be copied at the Agency between 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. A Fact Sheet containing more detailed information is available at no charge. For further information call the Public Notice Clerk at 217-782-0610. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the draft permit to the Agency at the above address. The NPDES Permit and Public Notice numbers must appear on each comment page. All comments received by the Agency not later than 30 days from the date of this publication shall be considered in making final decision regarding permit issuance.

Any interested person may submit written request for a public hearing on the draft permit, stating their name and address, the nature of the issues proposed to be raised and the evidence proposed to be presented with regard to these issues in the hearing. Such requests must be received by the Agency not later than 30 days from the date of this publication. If written comments and/or requests indicate a significant degree of interest in the draft permit, the permitting authority may, at its discretion, hold a public hearing. Public notice will be given 30 days before any public hearing.

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St. Louis, MO 63110

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**BABYSITTER NEEDED**  
Home, day care, 2-3 hours. Please call 877-4242.

**CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT**  
Home, day care, 2-3 hours. Please call 877-4242.

**PORTY/THOMAS**  
Home, day care, 2-3 hours. Please call 877-4242.

**MOTHER OF 2**  
Home, day care, 2-3 hours. Please call 877-4242.

**NEED EXPERIENCED**  
Home, day care, 2-3 hours. Please call 877-4242.

**PERSONALS**  
Home, day care, 2-3 hours. Please call 877-4242.

**DIVORCE**  
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**PERSONALIZED LETTERS**  
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**DIRT, TOP SOIL, DRIVEWAY, ROCK, SLAG, SAND, MULCH**  
Driveway Grading, Seeding & Roto Tilling, Hosing, Insured  
797-1480 or 931-5706

**HAULING, odd jobs, garage and basement cleaned out, any home material hauled free except refrigerator. Free estimates. 452-0901 or 345-2426**

**1220 HEATING/AIR CONDITIONING**  
HEATER'S HEATING & COOLING  
Lumened & Blended  
For all your residential heating and cooling needs.  
CALL NOW  
Mike O'Connell  
Furnace, Air Conditioning and Ductwork  
"35.00"

**1230 HOME IMPROVEMENT**  
K.R. COOPER, INC.  
All phases remodeling or repairs, painting, siding, roofing, gutters, etc. Free estimates. 452-0901 or 345-2426

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LOST DALLAS MALL  
Lost Dallas Mall, 1000 Kennedy Rd., St. Louis, MO 63128. Call 631-1111.

**1250 CARPET INSTALLATION**  
CARPET INSTALLATION  
Professional Carpet Installation. Free estimates. 452-0901 or 345-2426

**1260 PHOTOGRAPHY**  
PALETTE'S CAMERAS  
Professional Photography. Free estimates. 452-0901 or 345-2426

**1270 PLASTERING**  
MURRAY, NEW HOMES, Old  
Plastering. Free estimates. 452-0901 or 345-2426

**1280 UPHOLSTERY**  
ANTIQUE UPHOLSTERY  
Antique Upholstery. Free estimates. 452-0901 or 345-2426

**1290 WANTED TO BUY**  
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Antiques and Collectibles. Free estimates. 452-0901 or 345-2426

**1300 EXCAVATION WORK**  
EXCAVATION WORK  
Excavation work. Free estimates. 452-0901 or 345-2426

**1310 HANDY MAN**  
HANDY MAN  
Handy man services. Free estimates. 452-0901 or 345-2426

**1320 AGENT**  
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Agent services. Free estimates. 452-0901 or 345-2426

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Appliances. Free estimates. 452-0901 or 345-2426

**1760 BUILDING MATERIALS**  
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Building materials. Free estimates. 452-0901 or 345-2426

**1770 FIREWOOD/FUEL**  
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Firewood and fuel. Free estimates. 452-0901 or 345-2426

**1780 FURNITURE DRAPERIES**  
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Furniture and draperies. Free estimates. 452-0901 or 345-2426

**1790 HEALTH/PHYSICIAN**  
HEALTH/PHYSICIAN  
Health and physician services. Free estimates. 452-0901 or 345-2426

**1800 HOUSEHOLD GOODS**  
HOUSEHOLD GOODS  
Household goods. Free estimates. 452-0901 or 345-2426

**1810 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**  
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Musical instruments. Free estimates. 452-0901 or 345-2426

**1820 COLLINSVILLE & VICINITY**  
COLLINSVILLE & VICINITY  
Collinsville and vicinity. Free estimates. 452-0901 or 345-2426

**1830 GRASSY**  
GRASSY  
Grassy areas. Free estimates. 452-0901 or 345-2426

**1840 COLLINSVILLE & VICINITY**  
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**1900 COLLINSVILLE & VICINITY**  
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**1910 COLLINSVILLE & VICINITY**  
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**1930 COLLINSVILLE & VICINITY**  
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## 2020 MISC. FOR SALE

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Miscellaneous items for sale. Free estimates. 452-0901 or 345-2426

**2030 WANTED TO BUY**  
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Items to be purchased. Free estimates. 452-0901 or 345-2426

**2040 OAKMONT SHOPPING CENTER**  
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Oakmont shopping center. Free estimates. 452-0901 or 345-2426

**2050 GREEN PROFESSIONAL PARK**  
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Green professional park. Free estimates. 452-0901 or 345-2426

**2060 HOMES FOR SALE**  
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Homes for sale. Free estimates. 452-0901 or 345-2426

**2070 COLLINSVILLE & VICINITY**  
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## ISAC names State Scholars

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission has released the names of the 1995-96 Illinois State Scholars. Granite City High School had 29 students who qualified as scholars through a series of achievements and calculations for the award. Although program participation by high schools is voluntary, nearly all participate and the state's top

students elect to have test scores and high school class ranks sent to ISAC for consideration in the popular program. The Granite City High School 1995-96 Illinois State Scholars are as follows: Bari Baum, Catrina Benson, Leann Byrd, Christi Cusick, Karrie Cowin, Amanda Galbreath, Sarah Gouy, Heather Guthies,

Michael Halbrook, Jacquelyn Hale, Timothy Harris, Mark Hewlett, Andrew Kamadouski, Matthew Kelahan,

And Andrea Malone, Joseph Markel, Brian McMillan, Denise McMillan, Jessica Morris, Jessica Nichols, Matthew Owen, Sarah Patterson, Ronald Rinehart, Hillary Ryan, Amanda Schermer, Fred Schuman, Richard Spratley, Erin Tongay and Tara Wiebusch.

Approximately six percent of the Granite City senior high graduating class qualified and earned the honor. About 10 percent of all Illinois high school seniors are designated state scholars and receive a certificate of achievement for the accomplishment. Of the approximately 121,000 high school graduating seniors, more than 12,000 have been designated state scholars. They represent nearly every high school in the state.

This is an academic award, rather than a monetary award for students who have excelled academically. The Illinois State Scholar designation may help a student when applying for scholarships or gaining admission into universities with demanding admission requirements.

In order to enter the competition, high school students must take the ACT or SAT in their junior year of high school. The scores are then sent to ISAC. Generally, selection of scholars is based on a combination of their test scores and their class rank at the end of the junior year.



**Presentation** — As preparation for their senior assessment projects, a prerequisite of graduation at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, students in a physical chemistry lab class recently made poster presentations. Here, Annette Vande Velde of O'Fallon with an undeclared major and Kim Holloway of Granite City, a chemistry major, review Vande Velde's poster, "QTL Testing: Mapping the Human Genome."

## Barron awarded McIntyre scholarship

Brett Barron, a senior biology major at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill., has been selected to receive the Norma McIntyre Scholarship for the 1995-96 academic year. He is the son of Terry Barron of Granite City and a 1983 graduate of Granite City High School.

Olivet Nazarene University drew 2,258 students to the campus during the 1995-96 academic year. There are 1,593 undergraduate students and 663 participants in Olivet's graduate and adult studies programs. Students come from

more than 30 states and several foreign countries, but most are from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. Olivet's educational zone within the Church of the Nazarene, which includes more than 800 congregations.

Bachelor's and associate degrees are offered in 62 areas of study. Bachelor's degree completion programs for adults are offered in leadership and management. Master's degrees are offered in business, education, religion, church management, pastoral counseling, psychology and teaching.

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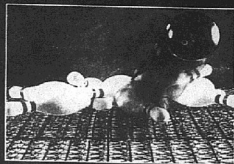
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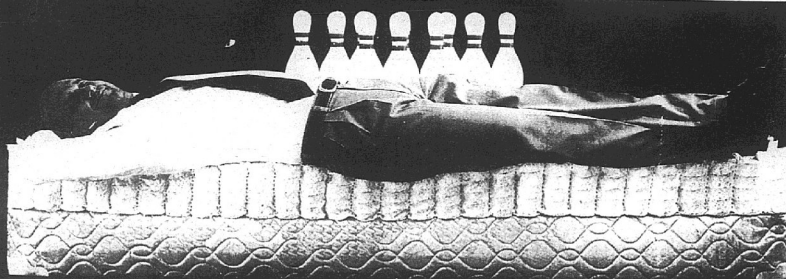
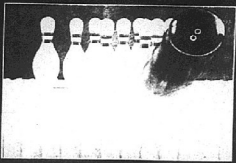
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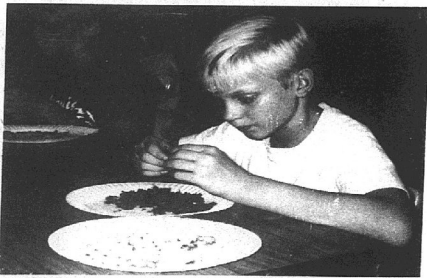
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**Dissection** — Niedringhaus School's sixth-grade students in Elizabeth Hall's class learned about the food chain firsthand by dissecting owl pellets. The pellets held the skeletal remains of a day's food in the life of an owl. The pellets are the feathers, hair, bones and teeth, which an owl cannot digest. Above, Elizabeth Hall, right, helps Shanna Dioneda dissect her owl pellet. Below, James Etherton dissects an owl pellet. On the plate are two rodent skulls and many bones and teeth.



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## Baechtel becomes new Royal Parent

Officials at the national headquarters of the Applebrook Family Enrichment Network have announced the selection of Laura Flinn-Baechtel as California Royal Parent 1995-96.

Baechtel, a resident of greater Los Angeles and former Granite City resident, received this honor after completing the Applebrook Parenting Success Program, an extensive goal-setting course involving more than two dozen carefully structured child and parent projects designed to foster superior parenting skills while cultivating an enriched child and parent environment.

The program stresses positive child development and the extraordinary value of shared projects and experiences. The Applebrook Parenting Success Program offers parenting projects in 12 categories, such as health and appearance, organization, education, talent development, life joy, character training, and parental attitude. Any parent can participate and become a Royal Parent, but only one is selected as the state spokesmodel. Participants submit detailed portfolios describing and illustrating their projects for evaluation by the national headquarters. State spokesmodels then compete for the honor of National Royal Parent.

Baechtel holds a bachelor's in communications and is a model, actress and singer. She is the wife of Andrew John Baechtel, a publisher. Her son, Andrew John Jr., 3, was her parenting success partner. She has held many local,



Laura Flinn-Baechtel

state and national pageant titles, including the title of Mrs. Alaska-America in the 1992 Mrs. Alaska pageant and Mrs. Alaska in the 1993 Mrs. United States pageant. She is a member of the Inland Empire Chapter of Sigma Sigma Sorority, the San Antonio Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Belle Boyd Chapter of the Confederacy.

Her greatest joy in this endeavor is the strength of commitment and bonding developed within her family. Baechtel is the daughter of former Granite City resident Shirley Flinn, now residing in New Douglas, and the late Charles Flinn.

A great fan of motivational pursuits, Baechtel said she is dedicated to helping other parents develop the parenting skills that "make parenting the grandest of all adventures with the greatest of all treasures."



### Opportunities

During a recent job fair at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus, Patricia Andrews, center in photo above, and Kathryn Andrews, right, both of Granite City, discuss career opportunities with Donna Thomas of H.R. Management Services in St. Louis. At right, Lady Remington Jewelry representative Sue Reynolds, right, of Belleville discusses job opportunities with Granite City resident Nikki Petrillo. More than 50 employers participated in the job fair.



### In uniform

**Michael Withers**  
Air Force Airman Michael D. Withers has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

Airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Withers is the son of Lester D. and Ruthann Withers of Granite City.

He is a 1995 graduate of Granite City High School.

**Calvin King**  
Army Spec. Calvin L. King has arrived for duty at Camp Carroll, South Korea.

King is an equipment repairer, is the son of Willie G. and Mable J. Clark of Pine Bluff, Ark.

His wife, Kelly, is the daughter of Barbara Madison of Madison.

He is a 1986 graduate of Pine Bluff High School.

**Percy Calvert**  
Army Sergeant Percy Calvert II was recently honored as a small garrison category runner-up at the 27th annual Philip A. Connelly Awards program at the Wyndham Hotel in Palm Springs, Calif.

The program recognizes top Army cooks for their food service excellence in preparing foods in dining facilities and in field kitchens. There are five evaluation teams that sample the foods prepared by the talented culinary soldiers, with a winner and a runner-up chosen from each of the five competing categories.

The program is named after the late Philip A. Connelly, a past president of the International Food Service Executives Association, who for many years was a motivating factor in promoting food service award programs for the Armed Forces.

Calvert is stationed in Augsburg, Germany. He is the son of Catherine Calvert of Brooklyn. He graduated from Lovejoy High School in 1986.

## First Place holds victory banquet

The First Place victory banquet was held Nov. 28 at Pontoon Baptist Church. The banquet opened with the singing of two songs written by Jay Corbett, a First Place member. The group sang "I Can Because He Can" and "Ordered By the Lord."

Pastor Ed Hart led in prayer. First Place is a Christ-centered health program emphasizing balance in four areas of life: spiritually, physically, mentally and emotionally. First Place has nine areas of fitness: attendance, prayer, scripture reading, memory verse, Bible study, live it, facts sheet, telephone calls and exercise.

Whether you want to lose or gain weight, become more aware of the Lord, or be able to better adjust to the pace of life, these commitments will aid you in reaching a Christ-centered goal. The course is 13 weeks long.

The next 13-week session at Pontoon Baptist Church, 4000 Illinois 111, starts with an orientation meeting from 6:45 to 8 p.m. Jan. 2. If you need more information, call Lyn Hart at 931-7855 or the church at 931-1316.

**FIRST-TIMERS PINS** were received by Joyce Churchwell, Bea Harvey, Lois Morgan, Irne Vanhousner and Delores Lynch. Three ladies were big losers. This session there were 38 pounds lost. Most prior members maintained their weight this session.

A meal was enjoyed by 27 members and visitors. The meal was catered by Jane Raphael of Second Baptist Church. The menu consisted of baked vegetable Lasagna, green beans, vegetable salad, rolls and a fat-free cake topped with a cherry delight surprise.

The tables were decorated by Marge Borth and Pat Wallis. Favors of a decorated candy cane were at each place setting.

**THE PROGRAM OPENED** with Elaine Attebery, First Place director from Grace Baptist Church, giving her testimony of her losing 112 pounds through the First



Above, members of First Place. Below, Elaine Attebery shows her former dress size.



Place program.

"On July 5, 1994, I turned food over to God. He took it, and I am now feeding on God's word," said Attebery. "I gave up my will and gave God the power over my life."

Attebery has been in First Place more than one year and has lost several dress sizes. She is off a lot of medication that she had been taking. She is a school teacher in the St. Louis County School District.

The program continued with Pauline Buchek dedicating a song, "Fingertips and Noses," to Lyn Hart, director of First Place at Pontoon Baptist

Church. Hart is a special education school teacher in the St. Louis County School District. Buchek also sang "Jesus, the Friend of a Wounded Heart."

Songs of the oldies, performed by 20 seniors called the "Joyful Noise Kitchen Band," were enjoyed by the group. Those performing were Evelyn Bringer, Judy Coppola, Thelma Moreland, Josephine Harper, Lucille Bringer, Joyce and Bud Walker, Irene and Emerald Dawes, Bertie and Earl Spalding, Margaret Pithers, Ed Vancrook, Wanda Renicke, Bea Arthur, Lora Hollis, Vergie Spalding, Eva Barrows, Vi Watkins and Lyn Nichols.

**Gift of life** — The Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College recently hosted an American Red Cross blood drive. Before donating blood, student Tammy Turner, left, of Granite City, has her blood pressure checked by American Red Cross nurse Clara Milster. Tammy's daughter, Erika, 4, watches the procedure. The blood drives help to replenish blood supplies at area hospitals.



### Emily Lake competes in pageant

Emily Rose Lake, daughter of John and Teri Lake of Madison, competed in the Little Miss Snowflake pageant Dec. 3 in Alton.

Emily, who was competing in her first pageant, was named photogenic queen in the six- to 15-month age division; most adorable; best personality; and placed second runner-up in beauty with a score of 49 out of a possible 50 points.

Emily is the granddaughter of Gene and Carol Robertson and Allen and Joan Bloodworth, all of Madison. She is the great-granddaughter of Ed and Aleene Robertson of Madison.



Emily Lake

### Organizations

#### Legion Auxiliary

The Christmas Gift Shop was held at the John Cochran Veterans Administration Hospital Dec. 4-7.

Gifts were purchased by units throughout Missouri and Illinois and displayed on tables. The veterans who were inpatients on these days were given the opportunity to choose a gift for their wife, children under the age of 18 living at home and their mother or friend, if no wife was living. This was done at no cost for the veterans — all items were donated.

Those assisting with the Christmas Gift Shop were Dorothy Soy and Frances Elbeck of the Edwardsville Unit 199; Agnes Hartman, Belleville Unit 98; Violet Taylor and Katie Barks, Granite City Unit 113; and Dolores Weis, Mary Heller, Pauline Mersinger, Kate Ruechle, Joyce Pittenger and Dorothy Hinson, Ven-

ice-Madison Unit 307.

#### Homemakers Extension

The Granite City Homemakers Extension Association held its Christmas party at the Anchorage Recreational Center Dec. 5.

There were 20 members and four guests in attendance. The guests were Minty Weston, Lorraine Nelson, Donna Lorentz and Marcie Johnson.

Following an invocation by Vera Lynn, lunch was served by Petri's Catering. Following lunch, Christmas carols were sung and a drawing for the table decorations — angels — was held.

President Mary Thebeau thanked the committee, consisting of Betty Weston, Vera Lynn, Florence Stokes and Ann Pates.

It was announced that the next meeting will be held on Jan. 2. The hostesses will be Freddy McElroy, Elizabeth Schmidt and LaNeil Lessee.

The lesson will be given by Lessee and Schmidt.

#### Eta Alumnae Chapter

Twelve members and eight guests attended the annual Christmas party of the Eta Alumnae Chapter Phi Tau Omega Sorority, held Dec. 6 at Charlie's Restaurant.

Those who were in charge of arrangements were the officers of the chapter, Dorothy Johannigmeier, president; Elsie Rodell, treasurer; and Mary Evelyn Yemcho, associate scribe.

Other members attending were Frances Hartman, Irene Hayes, Helen Hoelscher, Mildred Jungels, Marguerite Lexow, Van Stuart, Melba Tarpoff, Ann Tatam and Mary Lou Tonsick.

Guests present were Janet Belshie, Sue Brinkhoff, Mina Dickerson, Mable Gertsch, Jane Rozycki, Karen Nelson, Linda Sturman and Esther Williams.



**Flying high** — Belleville Area College now is offering simulator and ground school aviation classes at the Granite City Campus. Aviation instructor Marvin Meng, standing, of Edwardsville, shows prospective student Mark Johnson of Granite City how to use the flight simulator.

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